



OUTLOOK

JAPANESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.

2018 SUMMER EDITION

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President's Report - Art Miki

Summer is upon us as we look forward to the Japanese Pavilion and Folklorama. Les Kojima and I have agreed to co-chair the Coordinator's role for 2018. All the Chair positions and Ambassadors have been selected as we organize the Pavilion. Adult Ambassadors are Davy and Mayumi Kawakami and Youth Ambassadors are Justin Choy and Kaila Mathieson. You'll be seeing them at the Pavilion, greeting our many visitors. We can still use volunteers. If interested contact Sara Ebata or Jiyu Iida. Other news includes the following:

1. The Vision 20/20 Committee has begun to hold consultation meetings looking at the future plans for JCAM and the Cultural Centre. Joy Letkemann, Yuhito Adachi, Sadao Ono and I met with the parents of the Language School who were concerned about classroom space with the possibility of renovations. The plans were clarified and satisfied the parents.
2. Kevin Okabe has been appointed the new Executive Director for the NAJC. Kevin was a long-time resident of Winnipeg, a member of JCAM and was on the Executive of MJCCA for many years.
3. The new Consul General of Japan in Calgary, Mr. Shigenobu Kobayashi had a tour of the Centre and met with Les Kojima, Lucy Yamashita and myself over a dinner meeting on April 23 to discuss future cooperation.
4. We had a visitor from Japan, Parliamentary Vice-Minister Iwao Horii who is a member of the Diet. On May 6, Les Kojima, Ken Teramura, Yuhito Adachi and myself met with him, Consul General Shigenobu Kobayashi, Kohei Sakamoto, Consul, and Yurina Nemote, Executive Assistant, enjoyed an enlightening discussion on the current state of politics in Canada and Japan.
5. The Folklorama Committee has met on two occasions in preparation for the Japanese Pavilion to be open August 5 to 11 at St. Joseph's Hall. All the Chair positions have been filled as we look forward for another busy time during Folklorama.
6. Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries will be holding an information session on the Japanese experience in Manitoba for their staff on Thursday, May 31 at the Centre. This was arranged by Marli Sakiyama with Jamie Dumont, Liquor and Lotteries Coordinator.
7. The NAJC Annual General Meeting will be held in Winnipeg from September 21 to 23, 2018. On Saturday, September 22 the NAJC conference will be held at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and is open to the public. I encourage community members to attend as the focus will be on redress anniversary. The film "Facing Injustice: The Relocation of Japanese Canadians to Manitoba" will be shown.
8. The JCAM Gala Dinner will be held in the evening on Saturday September 22 at the Museum in conjunction with the NAJC AGM. The keynote speaker is Mark Sakamoto whose book "*Forgiveness: A Gift from my Grandparents*" won the CBC Canada Reads award. Tickets are \$100 with a \$40 tax receipt and are available at the Centre.
9. Nominations for the 2018-2020 Board are open. If there are any JCAM members interested in serving on the Board for a two year term, contact Art Miki, Chair of the Nomination Committee at artmiki@mymts.net

OUTLOOK DEADLINES

If you have information or bit of news that might be of interest to our general membership and want it included in our newsletter (The OUTLOOK) please send it along to the office by snail mail, email or even by phone. This is especially worthwhile if you're planning or know of some kind of event that will interest the membership and could use a little publicity. Just make a note of these deadlines.

Fall Issue **Deadline August 4** Issued August 16

Winter Issue **Deadline November 20** Issued December 5

MANITOBA KENDO CLUB

50
YEARS
ANNIVERSARY



Dear Kendo Clubs of Canada,

The Manitoba Kendo Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary in Winnipeg and we hope to enjoy kendo keiko with new people, and reconnect with kendo friends from across the country. In doing so, we also hope to strengthen the bonds of our community. **Date:** June 22nd- 24th, 2018 **Registration:** Please contact Thomas Yamashita in order to register yama52t@mymts.net Thank you, and we hope to see you in June. For more information: www.manitobakendoclub.com



2018 AGM & Conference in Winnipeg September 21 - 23

Konnichiwa from NAJC's Young Leaders!

Join us in celebrating the 30th anniversary of Japanese-Canadian Redress at the National Association of Japanese-Canadian's (NAJC) 2018 AGM conference. From September 21-23 JCAM and the NAJC will be hosting a series of panel, dialogue sessions and workshops with the theme of ***Moving Forward After Injustice in Canada.***

Meet our guests from across the country on Friday night at the NAJC's AGM and teach them about the incredible sights, sounds and tastes of Manitoba at the Japanese Cultural Centre. See displays from Japanese-Canadian artists and sample the works of Winnipeg's own Japanese Master Chef, Sadao Ono. There are plenty of ways to get involved with this exciting event, including set-up Friday afternoon and support throughout the evening. *If you're interested in sharing our Japanese-Manitoban culture with delegates from across Canada, or you're interested in attending as a guest, please contact Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin at nordins@mymts.net.*

On Saturday you can dive into panel discussions with leaders from communities that have faced injustice in Canada at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and enjoy a screening of the film "Facing Injustice: The Relocation of Japanese Canadians to Manitoba". All are welcome to join!

Later that evening you'll be able to hear renowned Japanese-Canadian author Mark Sakamoto give the keynote address and see performances from local musicians and dancers at the gala dinner. More information on tickets for this incredible evening to come!

On Sunday come on down to Humphrey's Inn & Suites to learn about the NAJC's efforts to support human rights initiatives and participate in a workshop lead by the Young Leaders. At the end of the weekend you'll have the knowledge and inspiration to support human rights in our community and across the world!

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 and enable us to off-set operating expenses. Donations made up to the last OUTLOOK deadline are recognized below. Donations after that date will be included in the following OUTLOOK issue. *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.**

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Sue Yoshida
Bill Young
Junko Rybuck
Narumi Stein

On behalf of the Manitoba Karaoke Club:

Yoshimichi Masaki
Katsu Suzuki
Chiyoko Tamoto
Akira Uehara

Things Japanese

Bob & Tam Yamashita
Dolores Tutkaluk
Estate of K. Ozamoto
Estate Richard Nose
Marni Yasumatsu & Trevor Brown
Florence Mitani

Paul Bainbridge
Estate of Isabel Hirota

Language School

Bill Young
Al Hirota

Curling Bonspiel

Sepoy Wong

Ernie's Recovery

Mona Hiebert

In Memory of Isabel Hirota

Ken Matsukubo
Theresa Oye
Kathy Grabowski

In Memory of Yasuo Utsunomiya

Mona Hiebert
Steve & Phyllis Fujii
Sandi Utsunomiya
Terry Phillips & Carol Gauthier

In Memory of Jim Mizuno

Lena Takatsu
Richard Furukawa
Lucy Yamashita
Rosanne & Paul Yoshimasu
Ken Matsukubo
Theresa Oye
Yoshi & Kay Tsuyuki
Mona & Ernie Hiebert
Keiko Yoshino
Kathy Grabowski

In Memoriam - 2018

Our sincere wishes and deepest condolences to the families of

Yasuo Utsunomiya – March 20
Jitsuo Clarence Takeuchi – March 30
Isabel Hirota – April 29
Jim Mizuno – May 1

Forever in our hearts

Clarification About Donations to the Centre

The Japanese Cultural Centre is a meeting place of kindred spirits, a provider of culturally relevant programs and events, and serves as a small repository for artifacts and memorabilia from our past. JCAM is a **registered Canadian charity**, which allows us to accept donations and issue tax-deductible receipts for monetary donations. We rely on monetary donations to help offset the considerable expense of operating our Centre. Donations of goods can also help offset our expenses either as replacements to offset needed expenditures, as an enhancement for our programs and services, or as an item for resale by us. Donations of goods and services are highly appreciated.

Our policy regarding any **donation of goods** dictates that gifts must be consistent with JCAM's mission and be deemed to support our core programs and special projects. All donated goods become the sole property of JCAM. It is JCAM's sole responsibility to determine if a gift or donation is to be accepted and if or how it is to be used. The Centre itself has very limited storage and display space. **If you are considering making a donation of goods, we ask you to check with the Centre before delivery to determine appropriateness and usefulness.**

Your continued support is very much appreciated and integral to the long-term future of the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba.

JCAM establishes Agency Fund at the Winnipeg Foundation

In September 2017, JCAM entered into an Agency Fund agreement at the Winnipeg Foundation, with an initial contribution of \$45,000. The Agency Fund is a permanent endowment that is administered by the Winnipeg Foundation. Each year, the Foundation will disburse the investment income earned on the fund, which JCAM can use for any purpose. However, neither the present nor any future Board of JCAM may access or utilize the fund itself.

The Board approved the establishment of the Agency Fund to ensure that the Harold Hirose Education Fund that had previously been maintained by JCAM, would remain a permanent endowment fund in perpetuity. JCAM members and members of the public may now make charitable contributions directly to the Agency Fund, or if they wish, they can donate to JCAM specifying their desire to donate to the Harold Hirose Education Fund. In the latter case, JCAM will direct the money to the Winnipeg Foundation accordingly.

As an additional bonus, in October 2017, Winnipeg Foundation added \$20,000 to the Agency Fund under its matching grants program. The Harold Hirose Education Fund previously maintained by JCAM was just under \$61,000, but since October 2017, we have been earning income on a fund balance of \$65,000, with a cash investment of only \$45,000. The Board intends to continue to award scholarships from the income earned on the fund each year and with this change, anticipates that scholarship awards may be increased in future.



Shokuryōhin GROCERIES!

We remind you that we have a small **grocery store** we keep up for our members. In it you will find such Japanese food items as sembei, inari, natto, yakisoba, plain age, umeboshi and shoga. Open during Centre Office hours (9am-5pm Tues -Sat). If it's locked, just ask at the office and we'll be happy to open it up for you. (yes, these are actual photos!)

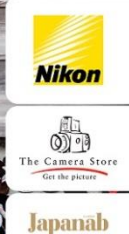


2018 Japan Photo Contest NOW OPEN!

With the goal of fostering interest in Japanese culture and to further promote understanding between Japan and Canada, The Consulate-General of Japan in Calgary is pleased to present its 5th consecutive Japan Photo Contest, open to residents in our jurisdiction of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, The Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. Introducing the **Nikon Canada Grand Prize:**
[D7500 18-140mm VR Lens Kit](#) Submit up to 4 entries (one per category) by September 30th for a chance to win a variety of prizes from our generous sponsors. **Photos taken in Japan, or in Canada with a Japan theme are welcome!**

Details at: http://www.calgary.ca.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/00_000475.html

Thank you to our generous sponsors:



At the heart of the image

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 YOUTH MENTORSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Youth Mentorship Program was developed to encourage JCAM youth to undertake leadership roles, especially at the Japanese Pavilion during Folklorama 2018. The program is open to anyone between the ages of 16 to 25 who is of Japanese descent or a family member of JCAM. The successful recipients are required to become familiar with the operations of the Japanese Pavilion from the planning stages to Folklorama week, put in at least 50 hours of volunteer time and accept responsibility to assist with specific duties. After a successful conclusion of the mentorship program, the youths will receive a \$250 bursary for their efforts.

The intent of this project is to provide experience in leadership roles as part of the succession plan to ensure a future for the Japanese Pavilion. Congratulations to:



Nic Matsuo –Junior Pavilion Coordinator

I am in grade 12, graduating from Grant Park High School. Participating in cultural activities such as Folklorama has always been a significant aspect of my life, starting from a very young age. It is a fantastic opportunity to engage youth in community activities and impart cultural knowledge to the public and younger generations. This in turn keeps tradition alive, and brings forward new ideas year by year.



Justin Choy – Youth Ambassador -

I am 16 years old and a student at Sisler High School. When asked what Folklorama means to him, he commented, "I believe that the Japanese Pavilion is a focal point to bring the people of the community together. It also gives us an opportunity to share our culture with others."



Danica Muller – Kakigori Chair

I am currently 17 years old and I attend River East Collegiate from which I am graduating this June. I believe the pavilion is very important to our community as it brings us together as a group and allows us to meet new people while also providing the guests with a wonderful experience by giving them some knowledge on our culture and how we keep the traditions going.

HORIZON CLUB

The Horizon Club will soon be winding up our Wednesday lunches for the summer break. They really do have a lot of fun at the Horizon Club. Judging by the merriment and laughter you'd never know that their St. Patrick's Day celebration (below) was alcohol free! But the members came out in full Irish green and had a fabulous lunch (just \$4 for members).



Throughout the year we have enjoyed other fun events such as an Olympic quiz focussing on Japanese and Canadian connection to the games and remembering our moms on Mother's Day. Upcoming events will be a slide show on the works of Yayoi Kusama and a Father's Day event. But the real secret to this vibrant club is...the food! Nowhere else in this City can you get such a great lunch for just \$4 – and that includes the perennial favorite, baked ham and scalloped potatoes.

The Horizon Club lost one of its founding members in April. In 1982 Isabel Hirota was the secretary on the first Board of Directors for the Horizon Club. From time to time during 2017, at the age of 102, Isabel was still attending the lunches as she enjoyed the Japanese cooking. The Horizon Club extends its deepest sympathy to the Hirota family.

Thank you to the following for their donations to the Horizon Club: Jennifer Hashimoto (in memory of her father Hiro Hashimoto) Mona and Ernie Hebert, Mickey Kojima.

If you are 55 plus years young you are welcome to join the Horizon Club. **The last lunch of the season** will be on June 28th for *Natsu No Atsumari*. There will be lunch, games, bingo and prizes. We will be starting up lunches again in early September.

UPCOMING ITEMS/EVENTS

Saturday, June 9 **9:30 a.m.**

Saturday, June 9 **11:30 a.m.**

Saturday, June 16 **AM&PM**

Saturday, June 23 **evening**

Friday, June 29

July 1-23

Saturday, July 7 **4-9 pm**

August 5-11

Language School **Closing Program**

Language School Parents **Potluck Luncheon**

High School Level Language **Final exams**

Manitoba Kendo Club **50th Anniversary Dinner**

Last Day of Public School in Manitoba

CENTRE OFFICE CLOSED for summer break

Obon Odori Festival at Burton Cummings Community Centre & Grounds

Japan Pavilion at Folklorama. St. Joseph's Parish Community Hall, 515 College St.

MEETING WITH PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER IWAO HORII FROM JAPAN MAY 6, 2018



Left to right: Yurino Nemote, Yuhito Adachi, Ken Teramura, Art Miki, Vice Minister Iwao Horii, new Consul General of Japan in Calgary Shigenobu Kobayashi, Les Kojima, Consul Kohei Sakamoto. INSET: Art Miki presented Vice Minister Horii with a copy of *Justice in Our Time*.

Isabel Fumiye Hirota 1916-2018



It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Isabel Fumiye Hirota (nee Tamemoto) at the age of 102 on April 29, 2018 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She will be remembered as a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was predeceased by her husband Shuzo (1945) and her son Toshi (1975). She will be dearly missed by her son Alan; grandson Aaron and wife Courtney and great-granddaughter Isabel, granddaughter Allison and husband Dan and great-grandson Porter. A celebration of life took place at the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba Centre – 180 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg on June 1st at 11 am. Isabel will be interred at the Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver, BC. Donations in Isabel's honour may be made to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.



Introducing: NAJC Executive Director Kevin Okabe

The National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Kevin Okabe as the new Executive Director, effective May 1, 2018.



Kevin, a Commerce Grad from the University of Manitoba is based in Calgary, Alberta, has been actively involved with the Japanese Canadian community at both the local and national levels for over thirty years. Locally, he helped organize Japanese Canadian youth groups and he has served on the boards of community organizations in Winnipeg and Calgary. The former President of the Calgary Japanese Community Association, he chaired the 2011 Calgary Tsunami Relief campaign.

Kevin comes to his new role with the NAJC after retiring from the private sector, where he served as Chief Operating Officer for MSH International (Canada), a provider of expatriate insurance solutions, for the past ten years. He also spent over fifteen years working in public practice with Grant Thornton and PricewaterhouseCoopers. He holds certifications as a Chartered Professional Accountant and in Information Technology audit and governance, and was recognized as one of Calgary's Top 40 under 40 in 2007. He and his wife Naoko Maebashi own and operate two retail stores and a deli in Banff and Kananaskis, Alberta.

As Executive Director, Kevin's priorities for the NAJC include:

- Researching and suggesting strategic alternatives for consideration by the organization
- Supporting the work of the NAJC's Executive Board and committees, including the organization of the Annual General meeting
- Stabilizing and streamlining the back office and accounting administration for the organization
- Enhancing communication within the organization and strengthening partnerships to achieve common goals

The NAJC Board of Directors looks forward to working with Kevin as we continue to redefine and enhance the organization's role in serving the Japanese Canadian community.

Kevin has a long history with the NAJC and served for five terms, taking on the roles of Director, Secretary and Treasurer for the organization. He worked on the NAJC's Youth, Strategic Planning, Finance and Heritage Committees, and was instrumental in shaping the organization's investment strategy.



JCAM Bon Odori Festival

Shintosim is the foundation of the festival known as Obon. Today Obon is a mixture of Shinto and Buddhist traditions for remembering and honouring your ancestors.

In the 11th century, the Buddhist monk, Ippen, started a new style of reading Sutra, which is a concise verse or scripture in Buddhist teaching. His new style, Odori Nembutsu, incorporated dancing while saying an invocation to the Buddha. This style quickly became popular because it was an easy and fun way to recite the sutras.

During the Kamakura period, Shintoism and Buddhism came to be considered a united national religion so that Odori Nembutsu was often performed at Shinto Festivals as well as at Buddhist temples during the summer. The Japanese love their festivals and

today, every city, town and village hosts its own Bon Odori each summer.

The Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba is bringing the Bon Odori Festival to Winnipeg for the first time on Saturday, July 7, 2018 from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. Please join us for an afternoon of dance, song, food, and camaraderie at the Burton Cummings Community Club, 960 Arlington St, Winnipeg. Call 204 451-4560 for more information. (This event will replace the JCAM PICNIC this year)

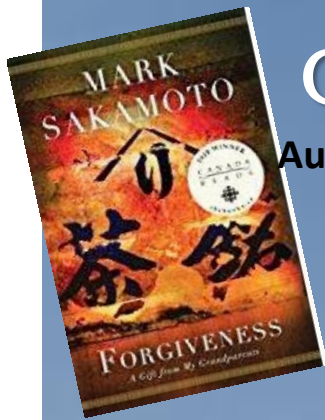
The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS
and the
JAPANESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA
invite you to a

GALA DINNER

on the 30th Anniversary of the signing of the Redress Agreement



Saturday, September 22, 2018



Guest Speaker: Mark Sakamoto

Author of *Forgiveness: A Gift from my Grandparents*
Winner of CBC's *Canada Reads* 2018

2018 Honorees

Outstanding Volunteer: Janet Hirose
Lifetime Achievement: Art Miki

CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

85 Israel Asper Way (adjacent to The Forks)

Tickets:

(includes \$40 income tax receipt) **Adults: \$100**

(no tax receipt) **Students: \$60**

Cocktails 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.



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Purchase tickets from the Japanese Cultural Centre
180 McPhillips St., Winnipeg, Manitoba
Phone: 204-774-5909 **email:** m.jccc@shaw.ca



2018 Winnipeg Bon Odori Festival



Japanese Cultural
Association of Manitoba
マニトバ日本文化協会



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Taiyaki たい焼き！
Yakisoba 焼きそば！
Takoyaki たこ焼き！
Beer Garden 屋外ビアガーデン！

July 7th 4 PM to 9 PM

@ Burton Cummings Community Centre
Address: 960 Arlington St, Winnipeg, MB

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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2018-2019

Our membership year runs from September 1 through August 31.

Memberships expire annually on August 31

Membership Category (please circle one): SINGLE \$20 FAMILY \$30

For Family Memberships, please include the first & last names of your partner and children 17 or under as of September 1, 2018 (show year of birth for children.). Please include other surname if different from main applicant.

NAME of MAIN APPLICANT : _____

Last Name

First Name

middle initial(s)

STREET & CITY (on line below): _____

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YEAR of BIRTH _____ HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

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SIGN YOUR NAME: _____



Any person 18 or over as of September 1 is required to take out their own adult membership.

NAME(S) of Partner/Children	BIRTH Year	Please show JCAM Connection, if any (Judo, Karate, Language Class, Food, Dance, etc.)

Continue on back if there is not enough room for all family members.

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YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE OF JAPANESE DESCENT TO BECOME A MEMBER. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Make cheques payable to JCAM. We also accept Visa, MasterCard, Debit & Cash for membership. **Don't mail cash!**
JCAM 180 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg, MB R3E 2J9 Phone: 204-774-5909

YES I can volunteer to help the Centre! (note your special interest or expertise) _____

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

Phone: 204-774-5909 Fax: 204-775-6029 Email: m.jccc@shaw.ca

JCAM is in **Compliance with Federal and Provincial Privacy Guidelines:** By signing this form you attest that you are at least 18 years of age. Parents and/or guardians provide similar understanding and acknowledgment for family members who are under 18 years of age. You also allow JCAM to communicate with you through various electronic means including (but not limited to) email, texting, twitter, Facebook, Linked In and others.

OFFICE USE ONLY: Payment \$: _____ Method: _____ Payment Date: _____

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Why become a JCAM member?

Our MEMBERSHIP YEAR runs from September 1 to August 31. Each end of August your membership expires. It isn't quite time to renew yet – but you could if you want! That's why there's a renewal form in this newsletter.

There are the usual good reasons to belong:

membership has its privileges after all – and ours include discounts on Centre rentals, access to our small grocery store (with the genuine Japanese goods), constant updates via email of activities and events that will interest you, a special and specific newsletter 4 times a year (The Outlook), PLUS a special Outlook that covers our Folklorama involvement.

But there are also other reasons:

Membership is not at all expensive. \$20 for an individual membership in this day and age is about a nickel a day. Really! At \$30 a family membership allows you, your partner and your children the same privileges at an even cheaper rate. If you have 2 children you'd be paying 2 cents per person per day. Talk about getting your 2 cents worth!

You gain a better sense of community. The Japanese Canadian community isn't large in Manitoba by group standards (about 2,200 according to the latest census) and it is widely distributed. JCAM's existence keeps our members together and regular communication makes many aware they are part of a bigger picture. JCAM can form a great forum to have your voice heard more clearly. The events and activities organized by JCAM are meant to educate and promote Japanese and Japanese Canadian culture.

The Cultural Centre is in itself a huge achievement for a small group of people. With an attractive and functional vestibule, hand-manicured Japanese garden, excellent seating and a brand new floor it's a shining example of cooperative endeavor. Add to that our fully functional gym, a small Japanese library, a Japanese Canadian archive and meeting rooms (not to mention a cooking kitchen *and* a sushi kitchen!) and free parking – you can see there's a lot of merit for being a member. Our volunteer board maintains and creates programs that will appeal to all our members, from babies to octogenarians.

But you can't just phone it in. We do need the form filled in and particularly, **signed** because privacy and information laws say each year we need to obtain your permission to send you electronic information (emails). That's especially important for JCAM as it is a federally registered charity and much of what we do falls under federal rules.

*Renew or join up in August or earlier if you like. Even now! **That's why there's a membership form on the other side of this page.***



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