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JCAM IS OPEN!



JCAM Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 14	Makunouchi spring bento takeout
Sunday, May 15	JCAM Japan Market
Thursday, May 26	Consul of Japan – consular services
Sunday, May 29	Ramen Takeout
Saturday, June 4	Gaman: Honouring our Survivors Dinner
Saturday, June 18	Katsura Fukuryu Rakugo Show

President's Message

Dr. Kelly Kaita



The centre is now OPEN! We have officially seen all the provincial COVID – 19 restrictions lifted as of March 15, 2022 but are very much aware that the Omicron – BA2 variant is being reported across the globe with the possibility of another wave still being possible. The good news is that it seems to be less severe than the Delta variant.

With the changes, the centre is slowly emerging from the extended closure and is hosting the Horizon lunches on Wednesday, Tai chi is back, the Japanese language school is now in person, and discussions are underway to start serving meals at the centre again.

Several wonderful tidbits of information for you to enjoy include several exciting events to take place in the upcoming months. These include "Gaman: Honoring our Survivors" Dinner. The Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Buddhist Temple are hosting a dinner to pay respect to survivors of the actions of the BC and Federal Governments before, during, and after World War II. Gaman (我慢) is a Buddhist term that means "enduring the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity." This dinner will take place on June 4, 2022 at CanadInns Polo Park and invitations have already been sent out.

We will also be returning to Petrus Hall to host the Japanese Pavilion for Folklorama 2022. This will be an exciting time since there will only be 27 pavilions taking part in this year's festival so it may very well be one of the busiest years ever. If you are interested in volunteering (and you know, we will need a lot of volunteers) please contact the centre at info@jcamwpg.ca to sign up today.

Bon Odori will also return this year on a smaller scale. This will take place on Saturday, August 27th in the parking lot of JCAM. As usual this matsuri will bring members together to enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of Japan.

Another program to restart will be the Public Schools Program which will see a large number of children come to the centre with the hopes of learning more about Japan and its culture.

On a final note, please keep an eye on your email since we will soon be coming to the members to ask for your vote on a few possible renovations for the centre. A lot of this has been made doable due to the generosity of JCAM sponsor SEVA. SEVA will assist with the majority of cost of such renovations but have asked that the members contribute to the fund and SEVA will match all donations dollar for dollar. Exciting times for you to see the centre continue to improve for all members!

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HORIZON CLUB NEWS

We are back again!

Unfortunately, there is not much activity to report on for the Horizon Club since the last Outlook due to the Covid-19 pandemic with Omicron. The Horizon Club had to cancel its annual Shinnenkai lunch in January and the start of our weekly lunches was delayed from February 2nd until March 16th.

To celebrate being able to gather again Chef Ono with help from a number of volunteers prepared a Welcome Back feast for lunch on March 16th. Over 60 people enjoyed a fabulous lunch with sushi, sashimi, teriyaki salmon, breaded shrimp and more. Thank you to Chef Ono, Sachiko, Naomi, Mona, Yayoi, Alice, Keiko, Valerie, Lucy and Judy (sorry if I forgot someone).

Like many other things the lunch on April 13th was cancelled due to the forecast of the worst winter storm in decades. Luckily Winnipeg was spared the worst of the storm with only 25 – 30 cm of snow.



In the article on the Japanese Canadian Survivors

Health & Wellness Fund in this issue there is mention of plans for physical activity programs to be held at our lunches. Various options are being explored for short 10-15 minute sessions of easy but effective movements while standing or sitting.

The final lunch of the 2021-2022 year will be on June 29th when we will have Natsu No Atsumari. Let's hope we don't have to cancel any more lunches.

Our membership has grown to 109 from 74 pre-pandemic. When the Horizon Club started back in 1982 there were 148 members and at one point was as high as 228. We still have a way to go. Membership to the Horizon Club is open to all JCAM members who are 55 and older. Please join us, membership is \$5 and lunch is \$5 (\$7 for guests).

Welcome to our newest member, Mr. Ken Watanabe, who recently moved to Winnipeg from Argentina.

Bienvinido a JCAM, Watanabe-san!



Folklorama Japan Pavilion

Saturday, July 31 to Sunday, August 6, 2022

The Japan Pavilion is excited to be one of 27 pavilions taking part in the 2022 Folklorama. It has been 2 long years since our community came together to put on the pavilion at Petrus Hall. We would love to see you again this year!

In order for us to be a great pavilion that people want to return year after year, we need the assistance of many volunteers. We have opportunities to help in all areas such as food preparation, food servers, admissions, security, clean up, set up and take down, front staff and so many areas. If you are interested, please let us know your availability as soon as possible by emailing us the volunteer committee chair – Debra Takeuchi - debtakeuchi@gmail.com

2022 JAPANESE PAVILION AMBASSADOR INTRODUCTIONS



Miyuki Igarashi Cumming –Adult Ambassador

Originally from Kawagoe, Saitama, Japan, Miyuki has now lived in Winnipeg for 22 years. A working mother of 3, Miyuki has been an active JCAM member for many years. She is currently sitting on the JCAM Board of Directors and is the Chair of the JCAM Japanese Language School Committee.

Lisa Anundee –Adult Ambassador

Lisa is of Japanese-Mauritian descent, currently attending the University of Winnipeg as an International Student. After spending last year back home in Mauritius, taking her classes online, Lisa is happy to be back in Winnipeg. Her major is Psychology with minors in Philosophy and International Development Studies. Lisa speaks 4 languages, English, Japanese, Creole and French. She looks forward to representing the Japanese Pavilion, where her language skills could be put to good use.



Lisa Igarashi –Youth Ambassador

Lisa is a Grade 10 student at Nelson McIntyre Collegiate. Lisa's interests include dance at Encore Studios School of Dance where she participates in the many dance competitions held in the city. She also enjoys the piano, song writing and music in general. Besides English, Lisa speaks fluent Japanese and is looking forward to meeting the other ambassadors and the many visitors to our pavilion.

Anju Nishikiori –Youth Ambassador

Anju is a Grade 10 student at Oak Park High School. She is in her 10th year as a competitive gymnast at Springers Gymnastics. Anju enjoys creating all kinds of art and loves to bake. Her dream is to travel the world, discover new cultures and to taste different foods. Her experience as a youth ambassador this year will give Anju good start to her travel and cultural adventures.



Winnipeg Budokai Karate

It was 26 years ago that JCAM, formerly the MJCCC, made a decision allowing the Winnipeg Budokai Karate to become a user group and ultimately, a member of Cultural Centre family.

Since 1996, Budokai Karate and its members have enjoyed and have been very well educated on the Japanese Culture.

Budokai Karate has participated in 23 of the 26 Folklarama performances and many Cultural events and celebrations, since being a part of the Centre. One of the Annual highlights is the Children's Week usually during the month of May. Here, the visiting schools are treated with demonstrations from the various user groups showcasing their art.

The pandemic has virtually brought the club back to its humble beginnings, where we are currently in the rebuilding mode in recruiting new members. Winnipeg Budokai is back to regular training, with the vigor and conviction of being a proud member of the Cultural Association with hope of again enjoying the upcoming events.

For more information about classes with Winnipeg Budokai Karate, visit their website www.budokaikarate.ca



Hinode Taiko

As of Jan 1st, 2022 Hinode Taiko welcomed seven new members who initiated their taiko journey with us as students a full four years ago, in January 2018. They have been waiting patiently for our student intake process to catch up to the new normal, as their final session of taiko classes was interrupted in March 2020. All seven have joined Genki Daiko for now, with the possibility of apprenticing for the performing group in future. For the first time in over two years, almost all Hinode Taiko members got together on April 3rd to take part in a workshop focusing on Unity through Movement, led by Jacqui Ladwig (RWB Recreational Division) and Dr. Cheryl Glazebrook (Kinesiology, U of M).

The session was designed in part to help bring together our now much bigger group.

Hinode Taiko was pleased to perform at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights on April 1st as part of Spring Break 2022, where audiences enjoyed a variety of family-friendly music, dancing and drumming (see photo). We have missed connecting with live audiences, and are hoping that conditions permit more in-person performances this summer.

Performing group members of HTI have resumed in-person practices, while Genki (recreational group) members are continuing with hybrid practices, taking turns between attending practices in-person in the JCAM gym and participating from home via Zoom.

In-person adult introductory classes resumed March 28 for the first time in over two years. A mix of five new and returning students are exploring the deservedly-popular taiko piece "Raku" along with supporting drills and exercises. We are delighted to be able to offer in-person classes again, using enhanced COVID precautions of physical distancing & limited capacity, universal masking, and self-screening by vaccinated participants.

Hinode Taiko is marking our 40th anniversary in 2022 and hopes to celebrate together with members of the Japanese Canadian community in Manitoba. Watch for special events and 40th anniversary memorabilia this summer and fall!

Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund

JCAM Awarded Two \$10,000 Grants

On May 5th, 2021, the Province of British Columbia announced that it would be providing the Nikkei Seniors Health Care and Housing Society with \$2 million as part of its commitment to honour the traumatic internment of almost 22,000 Japanese-Canadians during the Second World War. The grant came out of the efforts of the NAJC BC Redress initiative. The Nikkei Seniors designated the \$2 million for the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund (JCSHWF).

The fund primarily targeted seniors who were directly impacted by the BC Government during this period. Seniors whose families left BC during the war but were born out of province from 1942- April 1st, 1949 are part of this demographic.

Organizations and small groups serving Japanese Canadian survivors, and underserved survivors were invited to submit grants for projects which would enhance programs, activities, and services that would directly benefit the health and wellness of these living survivors.

The Selection Committee of Susan Matsumoto, **Art Miki**, Ruth Coles, Cathy Makiyara, and Eiko Eby met to evaluate all the applications from groups and organizations. A total of 50 organizations and 19 groups across Canada were awarded grants, along with providing grants to 1817 survivors in our community. For more information on the approved projects go to <https://jcwellness.org/grants/awarded-grants/>

In Manitoba grants were awarded to the JCAM Horizon Club and the Manitoba Buddhist Temple. JCAM was awarded two grants of \$10,000 each, one for a Survivors Wellness Dinner and the other for a Survivors Accessibility Program.

We are excited to host the **Gaman: Honouring our Survivors Dinner** on Saturday June 4th, 2022 at Canad Inns Polo Park. The date will mark the 80th anniversary of the arrival in Winnipeg of the third trainload of Japanese Canadians from BC. All JC Survivors living in or from Manitoba are invited to attend this dinner. Survivors are offered a complimentary ticket to a companion (spouse/partner) /caregiver to enjoy the evening with them.

The Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba also invited its Keirokai members who are not survivors to this dinner to share in the evening to pay respect to the survivors. Invitations were sent out in early April to both Survivors and Keirokai members by email or Canada Post. If you are a JC Survivor* or a JCAM Keirokai** member and you have not received your invitation, please accept our sincere apologies. Please contact the JCAM office at (204) 774-5909 or info@jcamwpg.ca to have your name(s) added to our list.

**A living person of Japanese descent who was directly impacted (uprooted and displaced) by the BC Government actions between 1942 and April 1, 1949 and is living in Canada. This includes impacted seniors who were not displaced but were living in BC and seniors whose families left BC but were born during this period of time.*

*** Current JCAM member of Japanese descent born in 1952 or earlier OR a current JCAM member not of Japanese descent who is the spouse/partner of a JCAM member of Japanese descent and both are born in 1952 or earlier.*

We hope that family, friends and the community as a whole will join us to honour our survivors and seniors. Tickets for the dinner are \$45 each and are available online <https://www.jcamwpg.ca/PRODUCT/gaman-honouring-our-survivors-dinner-tickets/> or by contacting the JCAM office.

Plans for the **Accessibility Program** grant will be in place soon which will include:

- Complimentary Bento's on Wheels delivered to JC survivor shut-ins in Winnipeg.

- Transportation via taxi for survivors to JCAM events for those who are unable to drive or do not have someone available to bring them to an event. For example transportation will be available to the Survivor Dinner on June 4th. Please identify if you require this service.
- Physical activity programs at JCAM Horizon Club on Wednesdays

These programs will run until the funds are depleted. The Horizon Club hopes to continue the physical activity programs thereafter.

These endeavours are the result of the hard work of the JCAM Horizon Club JCShWF team of – Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin, Kelly Kaita, Les Kojima, Art Miki, Keiko Miki, Florence Mitani and Ken Teramura. Others who provided support to this project include Lucy Yamashita, Heather Andrechuk, Donna Nishimura, Terumi Kuwada, Keiko Burke, Harvey Kaita and Rosanne Yoshimasu. Thank you for your past and ongoing efforts.

Our hope is that our JC survivors will enjoy and benefit from these projects.

Marlene Mori

JCAM Horizon Club JCShWF Team Leader

Manitoba Moments Videos

With support from the Winnipeg Foundation's Centennial Institute Grant Program, 12 short vignettes of approximately two to three minutes in length were created by the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba's History Preservation Committee members to preserve the unique history of the Japanese Canadian community in Manitoba. Some of the films will be premiered at the JCAM Survivors and Keirokai dinner on June 4 at the Canad Inn Polo Park. All these will be available on the JCAM website and You Tube for the public to access.

The short vignettes can also be used a teaching tool by school teachers and will be invaluable resources for events such as Folklorama, conferences, and dinners.

The following vignettes were produced:

1. ***Sugar Beets: Birth of a Community*** Producer: Art Miki Film Editor: Raymond Sokalski
2. ***Judo: The Gentle Way*** Producer: Florence Mitani Film Editor: Junko Bailey
3. ***The Way of the Sword: Manitoba Kendo Club*** Producer: Clara Kusumoto Film Editor: Junko Bailey
4. ***Hinode Taiko: Building a Taiko Community Across Canada*** Producer: Pam Okano Film Editor: 47 Filmworks
5. ***Abe san's Legacy: Japanese Garden*** Producer: Art Miki Film Editor: Junko Bailey
6. ***Manitoba Buddhist Temple*** Producer: James Sinnock Film Editor: Junko Bailey
7. ***Sharing our Culture: The Japanese Pavilion*** Producer: Art Miki Film Editor: Junko Bailey
8. ***Call to Action: Indigenous Accord*** Producer: Art Miki Film Editor: Raymond Sokalski
9. ***Justice in Our Time: Road to Redress*** Producer: Keiko Miki Film Editor: Raymond Sokalski
10. ***Revitalization of a Community: Post Redress*** Producer: Terumi Kuwada Film Editor: Junko Bailey
11. ***Connie Matsuo: Cultural Ambassador*** Producer: Pam Okano Film Editor: 47 Filmworks
12. ***Father of Sushi: Sadao Ono*** Producer: Junko Bailey Film Editor: Junko Bailey

80th Anniversary of Japanese Canadian Internment

(March 1942 - March 2022)

by

Terumi Kuwada, a Past President of the National Association of Japanese Canadians

As we reflect on the 80th Anniversary of the Japanese Canadian Internment, I think of my father, Hisao (Henry) Kuwada, who was born in Japan and considered a higher risk in the name of “security”. This resulted in my father together with other “Japanese Nationals”, being sent off to the Alberta Road Camps, to build the highways. After 6 months in the road camps, the men were allowed to join their families in the internment camps. My family spent the war years in Tashme.

Life in the Internment camps was fraught with hardship, uncertainty and worry. The community persevered and continued their lives as best as they could. My father loved performing in Japanese plays (shibai). In the camps, they held various forms of entertainment, to keep up their spirits. My father was a big fan of Toshio Mifune, a popular Japanese actor and continued his love of shibai when my family settled in Winnipeg. Later, he loved to watch Japanese videos, especially the ones with Toshio Mifune. My sister, Atsumi, who was 2 years old in 1942, recalls her life in the camp, with positive memories of undivided attention from my parents, freedom to wander the camps with her friends and exploring the nearby vistas. It was to the testament of families to live their lives as normal as possible, for the sake of the children. This character of the Japanese Canadians, has often been referred to as “Gaman”, a Buddhist term, meaning "enduring the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity"

My parents taught us the important values of family and community life. I am forever grateful.

<http://najc.ca/terumi-kuwada-reflects-on-the-2022-anniversaries-for-najc/>





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Gaman: Honouring Our Survivors Dinner
June 4th, 2022
Canad Inns Polo Park

GAMAN: HONOURING OUR SURVIVORS DINNER

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY MAY 23RD, 2022

This exciting event, which is to show support and admiration of those who suffered during WWII in the Japanese Canadian Internment camps, is being held on Saturday June 4th from 4-7 pm at the Canad Inns Polo Park. In order to secure your ticket, you must register by no later than May 23rd. For those of you who have been invited as a survivor or a Keirokai member, please ensure that you have filled out your application and have it sent into the office soon. Also, we will be asking survivors to answer 2 questions for a video that we would like to create to preserve Japanese Manitoban history. These questions will be:

1. Where did you live before the war?
2. When did you come to Manitoba and where did you live?

Please think about these questions so you are prepared to have your answers recorded.

For those who want to show support and to honour these individuals please reserve your ticket by purchasing on our website. Tickets are only \$45 including taxes and gratuity. This is a wonderful way to demonstrate your support and an opportunity for our JCAM community to come together after such a long hiatus.

JCAM & Ai-kon present

JAPANESE MARKET

Sunday May 15, 2022

10:00am - 3:00pm

Japanese Cultural
Association of Manitoba
180 McPhillips Street

New and gently used:
Household items, Clothing, prints and
frames, cards, pottery, food,
handicrafts, Japanese dolls and much
more!

Some vendors are cash only



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JUNE 18th 2022



KATSURA FUKURYU

Rakugo: Traditional Comical Storytelling

Standard Ticket \$25

Omakase Ono's Karaage Bento \$15

Rakugo Book \$30 (with Meet and Greet VIP experience)

Discount pricing for JCAM members.

Tickets and bento available online at jcamwpg.ca

Refreshments available for purchase at the event.

Dress in kimono and receive a free drink!

At JCAM C Matsuo Hall

Door open at 4:30 PM

Show starts at 6:00 PM

Breaks between

Show ends at 8:30 PM



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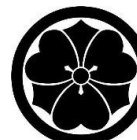
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