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BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!!



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President's Message to Annual General Meeting 2022

Dr. Kelly Kaita

Here we are now 2½ years into the seemingly never ending COVID – 19 pandemic. Just as Manitoba and the world open up to the new normal, we are starting to see increasing numbers, but fortunately and thankfully to the vaccine, these infections appear to be much less severe. With the changes in guidelines, we have seen the centre become more active and a full return to in-class teaching at the JCAM Japanese Language School.

One of the most important events to take place this year was the Gaman Dinner – Honoring our Survivors. With the hard work of Marlene Mori and her committee members and the funding provided by the BC Redress fund, we held a dinner at the CanadInns Polo Park in collaboration with the Manitoba Buddhist Temple to celebrate the remaining survivors and their families. This evening marked the 80th anniversary of the arrival in Winnipeg of the third trainload of Japanese Canadians from BC after the internment during WWII.

This past year we have seen the return of Folklorama. The Japanese Pavilion was held at Petrus Hall under the direction of Les Kojima and hard work of many committee chairs and over 100 volunteers. Since only 23 pavilions participated this year (normally around 50), we saw a number of attendees nearly double which was a complete success. This success is a result of our local community and membership coming together and volunteer countless hours to ensure that we can showcase all that we have to offer everyone. For that I am so grateful and hope that we can count on everyone for 2023!

This year was very exciting since we held our very first kids Kodomo camp. This was funded by the Government of Manitoba for which JCAM is so grateful. We had 14 kids of all ages attend the camp and they learned about Japanese culture, food, sport, and heritage. We also held Bon Odori at the centre this year and we saw 450 people come out to enjoy all that we have to offer and celebrate Matsuri. Consul General Uchida was a major sponsor of this event, and we hope that their office will continue to see the value of this very important Japanese event.

Other activities also include the return of the Horizon club lunches, in person Donburi, and curbside Bento and Ramen pickup. A small group of individuals also introduced Whiskey tasting and food pairing to the centre and will soon trial a sake and food pairing event. We have hired a new event coordinator this year, Miss Kyla Letkemann. She will assist with the rental of the facility to ensure that we continue to see the centre being used to its fullest capacity. She also hosted the Japanese Market which was a very successful market. This fall we will see the return of Shodo and Shakuhachi and the JCAM annual Halloween party!

We were pleased to hire two amazing individuals to replace Jake Marks. Pamela Okano is in the office from Tuesday to Friday and Kumiko Tohjoh works on Saturdays. Both these individuals have been a huge asset to the centre to ensure that the day-to-day needs are met and to plan for new activities and programs. Welcome!

Art Miki successfully received a grant from the Government of Manitoba to put together 12 vignettes entitled Manitoba Minutes. These are short clips from our history in Manitoba and will help preserve our Japanese Manitoban history for generations to come.

You may have noticed that the Japanese Garden has been extended to the front of the building adding to the overall beauty of the centre. This was under the guidance of Ray Normandeau. This continues to be a work in progress, and we are very grateful that Ray continues to preserve the garden that many before him did.



With the help of our friends at SEVA International Charitable Foundation and the generosity of all those who donated towards our kitchen renovation, we will see the kitchen at JCAM receive a major upgrade this winter. I personally want to thank everyone who saw the importance of the kitchen to preserve Japanese culture and contributed to this very important upgrade. Thank you from myself and the JCAM board of directors. Any extra funds also helped with smaller upgrades needed to our sushi kitchen.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all the volunteers. You know our success relies heavily on every one of you! Thank You!

On a final note, I would like to thank Art Miki, Les Kojima, Yuhito Adachi, Miyuki Cumming, Robert Okabe for serving on the Board of Directors for the past two years or more. Your contributions to the board at JCAM and the membership will not be forgotten, and we are grateful that many of you will continue to serve on several committees going forward.

Thank you to everyone for your support during my second year as president of JCAM. I have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to see our organization continue to flourish and be a model for others to try to replicate. I look forward this the following year and to work with so many new directors!

JCAM Board of Directors 2022-2024

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Ambassador Yamanouchi visit to JCAM
September 2022

JCAM Donations

(July 22 – October 22, 2022)

Kitchen Renovation Project

Pat & Steve Hanner
Keith & Karen Tazumi
Art & Keiko Miki
Takashi & Sanae Murakami
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Sam & Clare Matsuo
Caroline Yamashita & Roy Nishimura
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Lena Takatsu
Dorothy Koga
Larry & Karen Nagamori
Faye Hashimoto
Miyoko & Joe Okano

In Memory of Junji Kawasaki

Jim & Margaret Suzuki

In Memory of Tets Odaguchi

Atsumi Odaguchi

JCAM extends its appreciation to all donors for their generosity and support.

Folklorama Japanese Pavilion 2022

After a two-year hiatus, the Folklorama Festival returned to the City of Winnipeg this summer. The pent-up demand for a Folklorama combined with a fewer number of pavilions resulted in every pavilion reporting sell-out crowds in 2022. The Japanese Pavilion at Petrus Hall was no exception. Close to 10,000 guests visited the Japanese Pavilion between July 31 and August 6, 2022, almost 1/3 more than the record numbers seen in 2019. Profits on the week were over \$70,000, numbers that have not been seen from the Japanese Pavilion ever before.

The Japanese Pavilion at Folklorama is the single-largest event that is held, usually annually, in pursuit of JCAM's mission to nurture and sustain a community interested in Japanese and Japanese Canadian culture and heritage. It takes the entire community to put the pavilion together. The core planning committee met regularly over several months, and during the week of the festival, over 150 volunteers came out every evening. The pavilion simply would not happen without such a dedicated, enthusiastic, energetic team.

The Japanese Pavilion is one of, if not the, largest pavilion at Folklorama in terms of guest capacity. The largest (in terms of space) pavilions staged at the RBC Convention Centre have a capacity of 500 to 550 guests per show. The Japanese Pavilion at Petrus Hall in 2022 had 9 shows over the week where over 600 guests were comfortably seated, to enjoy a fabulous stage show, some very reasonably-priced authentic Japanese food and a high quality cultural display. As one of the original pavilions at Folklorama, the Japanese Pavilion has long been one of the standard-setters at Folklorama. We should all be proud of the hard-earned reputation that we now enjoy in the city and beyond. Again, we owe it all to our volunteers over the years.



Japanese Pavilion Committee Chairs 2022

Thank you to all the volunteers, performers, ambassadors, patrons, and supporters of the Japanese Pavilion!



JCAM Matsuri & Bon Odori

Thank you very much to the more than 70 volunteers and performers!

JCAM Matsuri & Bon Odori was successfully held on August 27th. We had more than 470 customers taking part in the activities. Special guests included Consul-General Uchida from the Japanese Consulate in Calgary, Mr. Obby Khan – MLA Fort Whyte, and Winnipeg Blue Bombers players Patrick Neufeld (#53), Tomoya Machino (#69), Chris Kolankowski (#67), and Les Maruo (#00). Food was provided by Dwarf no Cachette and Yuka's Bakery. Dwarf no Cachette also brought Matsuri games. Aurora Dance taught Bon Odori as many customers formed a circle to dance around Hinode Taiko. Thank you to the Consulate-General of Japan in Calgary for their continued generous support this event. Many thanks to Taka Hattori and his committee for their hard work in organizing the event.



Japanese Whiskey Tasting Evening

On Saturday, September 24th, over 40 participants sampled 6 different Japanese Whiskeys paired along with a special menu prepared by Chef Sadao Ono and his wife Sachiko Ono. Grant Voakes facilitated the tasting with an explanation on each whiskey's origin and what to look for while tasting. Along with the tasters were 6 designated drivers whose special ticket allowed them to sample the food pairings and enjoy a non-alcoholic beverage. The next tasting will be a sake tasting event at the end of January followed by a beer festival in early May. Watch the JCAM website for more details. Many thanks to Grant Voakes, Joy Letkemann, Kyla Letkemann, Lisa Shimoda-Loechner, Sadao Ono, Sachiko Ono, and Pamela Okano for volunteering for this event.



JCAM Kodomo Camp

The smiles on the kids' faces say it all - Kodomo Camp was a hit! From August 23rd to 25th, participants spent all day immersed in a variety of Japanese cultural experiences - shodo, chanoyu, kendo, koto, shamisen, ondo, cooking, crafts, and taiko. Many thanks to Coordinator Mika Cook, Assistant Coordinator Mayumi Yanke, and all the workshop presenters for their hard work.

Photos of the camp are available on the JCAM website: <https://www.icamwpg.ca/gallery/2022-icam-kodomo-camp/>



HORIZON CLUB

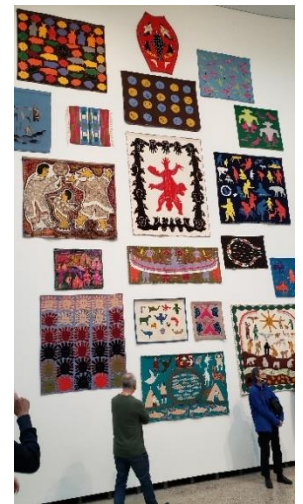
The Horizon Club started our weekly Wednesday lunches on September 7th. Everyone was happy to get back together. Our cooking teams continue to provide wonderful lunches and Chef Ono has been making delicious soups. Best lunch in town for only \$5.



On September 28th we had our first peer led exercise class. The class was led by Horizon members Lila Conarro, Theresa Oye, Tom Yamashita and Marlene Mori. There were about 20 Horizon members who took part in the class. The class is from the Active Aging in Manitoba Setppin' Up with Confidence program designed specifically for older adults. It looked like everyone enjoyed themselves. The class is 30 minutes long and will be held every second Wednesday starting at 11 am.

On October 5th, we had an amazing Fall Supper. There were 75 members in attendance for an absolutely "oishi" lunch. Many, many thanks to Roy Nishimura and his team who prepared the meal. We had a turkey dinner with all the trimmings – mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, gravy, turkey soup, and pumpkin pie.

On October 19th the Horizon Club organized a guided group tour of the Qaumajug museum. We hired a van to take fourteen of us to the museum and return us to the Centre. Qaumajuq is an innovative new museum, home of the largest public collection of contemporary Inuit art in the world. The museum exhibits many lovely pieces of Inuit carvings, wall hangings and traditional dolls.



Our weekly lunches will finish the season on November 30th. We will start again on February 1st. Due to the kitchen renovations scheduled for December and possibly into January we have not scheduled our annual Shinnenkai (New Years gathering) lunch. Horizon Club members will be advised of a date after the renovations are completed.

Thank you for to the following for donations to the Horizon Club:

In Memory of Toshiko Hashimoto
Roy Nishimura & Caroline Yamashita
Susi Miclash

Behind the Scenes at JCAM

There is a lot of action that happens to keep the centre running and we cannot thank our volunteers enough for their dedication and generosity of time. Here's a hint of some of the projects recently completed or on the go:



Organizing again and again!

JCAM is very fortunate to have many artifacts donated to us by members and by the public. We have a hard-working crew who has revamped and renovated the temporary storage area for these donations. Many thanks to Thomas Yamashita and Tak Tonogai for installing new shelving and to Lucy Yamashita, Joy Letkemann, and Theresa Oye for organizing the storage area.



Upgrading the Sushi Kitchen

The renovations to the sushi kitchen have been completed. We now have new ceiling, lighting, and flooring along with a new stainless steel countertop. In preparation for the renovations, the entire sushi kitchen was emptied and given a thorough cleaning by our hard working crew of Thomas Yamashita, Marlene Mori, Alice Kinoshita, Tak Tonogai, Lucy Yamashita, Sadao Ono, and Kelly Koga. Not only did they take everything out, they also put everything back!



Volunteer Appreciation

On Sunday, October 23rd, JCAM held its first Volunteer Appreciation party in 3 years. Volunteers enjoyed the delicious food from Aristocrat Restaurant and were enthralled by the performances of Zoloto Ukrainian Dancers and Clyde Heerah (steel drums). Many thanks to Debra Takeuchi for her hard work in organizing the event.

We continue to be humbled by the outpouring of volunteer support for JCAM. Whether you are willing to give of a few hours or of many days, we are grateful for your support. Thank you to all our volunteers.



THANK YOU
Volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you



CONGRATULATIONS TO TERUMI KUWADA

who received the **Premier's Volunteer Service Award** presented by Volunteer Manitoba and the Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Corporation. Terumi has been a longtime volunteer with the National Association of Japanese Canadians and the MJCCA and MJCCC (now JCAM) along with over 16 other local, provincial, and national organizations such as the Canadian Muslim Leadership Institute, Manitoba Law Foundation, and Institute for International Women's Rights.

JCAM thanks Terumi for her dedication to our community as well as the community-at-large.

Please read Terumi's story at: <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/featured/2022/09/19/honouring-lifelong-commitment-to-building-community>

SPENCER SISTERS FILM PRODUCTION

Over the past two months, JCAM has been the occasional commissary site for the crew filming a new CTV TV series called **The Spencer Sisters**. The series will be aired on CTV in spring 2023. We are in awe of the culinary delights of the catering company, **The Reel Crüe**, headed by Krista and her team. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with everyone involved in the production!

For more information:

<https://www.bellmedia.ca/the-lede/tv/ctv/the-spencer-sisters/>

<https://www.reelcruecatering.com/>



JCAM HALLOWE'EN PARTY

It was a spooky day on October 22nd as the Hallowe'en Party brought families in costume to JCAM. Participants enjoyed the scary maze, played games, and, of course, had many treats! Thank you to Sara Ebata, Karynne Nekwinda, Sarah Keating-Sangalang, and their committee for their hard work in organizing the event!



JCAM Calendar of Events 2022-2023

*Mark the following dates on your calendar and keep an eye out for
JCAM email updates for each of these events PLUS more!*

Sunday, November 20:	JCAM Christmas Market
Saturday, December 3:	Mochi sale
Saturday, January 21:	Makunouchi Bento takeout
Saturday, January 28:	Sake Tasting evening
Sunday, January 29:	Ramen Takeout
Friday, February 3:	Donburi Lunch
Saturday, February 11:	Makunouchi Bento takeout
Sunday, February 26:	Ramen Takeout
Friday, March 3:	Donburi Lunch
Saturday, March 11:	Makunouchi Bento takeout
Saturday, March 18:	Udon Lunch
Sunday, March 26:	Ramen Takeout
Friday, April 7:	Donburi Lunch
Saturday, April 15:	Makunouchi Bento takeout
Sunday, April 30:	Ramen Takeout
Saturday, May 6:	Japanese Beer Tasting evening
Saturday, May 13:	Makunouchi Bento takeout

**JCAM will undergo major renovations to our main kitchen from
Monday, December 5th until Wednesday, December 30th.**

3rd Annual
**Cozy Into Christmas
Market**

Sunday November 20, 2022

10:00am-2:00pm

Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba
180 McPhillips Street Winnipeg MB

- Candles & Bath products
- Knitting/Crochet Goods
- Oils/Preserves/Honey
- Pottery
- Wood working
- Sweetlegs/Norwex
- Baking
- Plants/Gardening
- Pet Products
- Cards/Paintings
- Textiles
- Fused glass
- Cosmetics/Nail art
& much more!

35+ local vendors

Free admission

For ongoing news from JCAM, check out our social media sites:

www.jcamwpg.ca

Twitter: @WpgJCAM

Instagram: @jcamincofficial

Facebook: @jcam.inc.org

Youtube:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCIM3M-5wI3fVBhNEjgcNkFQ

Tik Tok: @jcamwpg

Hikari

Hinode Taiko 40th Anniversary Concert

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022

7:30PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

12:00 NOON

TICKETS
\$25

RUSH SEATING - DOORS OPEN 1 HOUR BEFORE PERFORMANCE

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PAULINE-BOUTAL HALL
340 PROVENCHER BOUL., WINNIPEG, MB



MEET OUR JCAM 2022-2023 SPONSORS

PLATINUM



We, at SEVA International Charitable Foundation (SICF) believe in working towards a society where those who have the means and motivation to provide aid – be it financial, or support in kind- can reach those in need. Through giving, we hope to plant the seeds of positivity, hope and generosity, inspiring others in our great community to do the same.

Canada's largest independent supplier and distributor of gas products for commercial and healthcare use. Our healthcare solutions support the well-being of patients with respiratory disorders across Canada. Innovair Medical and Medigas Manitoba provide medical gas, equipment, therapies and supplies, as well as non-gas medical products and supplies for EMS, hospital and homecare use.



The Frank H. Hori Charitable Foundation

In 1999, philanthropist Frank Hiroshi Hori established **The Frank H. Hori Charitable Foundation** to promote charitable endeavours in general but mainly those aligned with his philanthropic ideals for Japanese culture: a caring society; post-secondary learning; and the honouring of meritorious Canadians of Japanese ancestry for their contributions to Canada.

SILVER



SCU is proud to be a sponsor of the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba and support the efforts of JCAM to nurture, educate, inform, and represent Japanese culture, heritage, and history to the community as a whole. For over 80 years, SCU has been committed to the community, supporting our members and providing trusted advice and guidance along their journey of savings and spending wisely.



As a Japanese lifestyle store, **Oomomo** serves as a one-stop shopping destination for stylish and timeless inspiration with a huge variety of household and lifestyle items imported from Japanese merchandisers. One of the reasons our products are so varied is because we want to support you, our customers, at all stages of life - from education to business, from single lifestyles to family units, or from urban living to travel & leisure. We're proud to carry over 35,000 types of products: Japanese household supplies, kitchenware, beauty products, crafts, stationery, Japanese snacks, traditional Japanese products, and many more. Visit us today at any of our two Oomomo Manitoba locations: Unit A-710 St James St (Across Polo Park Mall), 49-1225 St. Mary's Rd (St Vital Centre).



Dr. Derek Okabe & Team

At **Align**, we are a chiropractic and massage therapy clinic aimed at helping our patients to achieve their optimal health. We accomplish this by making sure that their nervous and musculoskeletal system are functioning optimally. Our Mission is to help each and every one of our patients to move, feel, and heal better through chiropractic care and massage therapy.



My Care Pharmacy is a leading company activating in Pharmacies industry, located in Winnipeg. Throughout our history, My Care Pharmacy has been known for our commitment to building long-lasting relationships with our clients. We take pride in our dedication to excellence, our reputation for quality, and our promise to find or develop premium properties for clients emphasizing value quality, sustainability and efficiency.



BIRCHWOOD LEXUS

GM Darryl Tuck & Team

Birchwood is here to help you buy, sell and service your vehicle. We believe that supporting and being involved in our local communities is an opportunity to give back and demonstrate our commitment to our customers, our team members and to our community. Our values of personal leadership, trust & respect, continuous improvement, and generosity begin with gratitude, and with gratitude comes responsibility to give back. Please see our personalized message to JCAM members on the following pages.



Advance Services Group Inc. is a Winnipeg-based family-operated business that offer a wide variety of 24/7 services to the commercial and industrial sector. Advance Services Group Inc. was founded in 1972 by Dennis Arnel. Now Advance Services Group Inc. is a single-source service provider to some of Canada's best brands and a full-service outfit that strives to be everything the customer needs.

BRONZE



Omori Diamonds is a father and son team, Jim and Chris Omori, specializing in creating fine custom rings featuring the highest quality diamonds, sapphires, and precious gems, directly from the source. The team works one-on-one with clients to create the perfect design and offers an exceptional personalized experience.



Our family owned and operated company is located in Oak Bluff, Manitoba. We are committed to providing quality customer service and innovative storage solutions. ADM Storage Inc., established in 2002, is a progressive and successful company with considerable experience in the self-storage and shipping container modifications industry. We strive to provide competitive pricing and services, making us one of the largest retailers of shipping containers in Manitoba.



Chef Masa creates a traditional Japanese restaurant experience at Edokko Japanese Food. Located in River Heights, patrons can dine on fresh, flavourful sushi and other Japanese delicacies. Stop in to purchase our Japanese groceries brought in fresh each week.

A Message to JCAM Members from Silver Sponsor Birchwood Lexus

Birchwood Lexus is once again proud to support the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba.

We believe that we share many of the same values in that our most important strengths, are our culture and team members.

Birchwood and Lexus, share a very similar vision for what we hope to provide our guests. Birchwood's "Experience is Everything" and Lexus' "Experience Amazing" culminate in Birchwood Lexus' Vision "To be recognized as Manitoba's Favorite Luxury Experience". We understand that our guests time is of the utmost importance which is why we design all of our processes around efficiency, ease and transparency to ensure every experience with us is a pleasant one.

Our Management team has many decades of combined history with Lexus and training that originated from the Japanese way of life. We constantly strive to promote Kaizen withing our team, or the constant search for improvement, increased productivity and efficiency. Omotenashi is also very important in the Birchwood Lexus Culture. Becoming Manitoba's Favorite Luxury Destination can only be accomplished if we take pride in treating our customers like they are a guest in our home by anticipating their needs and giving everyone a fun and positive experience. These are just two of the reasons why Birchwood Lexus has won Lexus' most prestigious award, two years in a row, Lexus' Pursuit of Excellence award.

To add to our guests experience and convenience, we invite all of our guests, as well as all JCAM members, family and fellow sponsors, complimentary alignment quick checks at any time. Periodically checking alignment can help prevent significant costs in premature tire, suspension and component wear that is caused by driving a car that is misaligned. Misalignment is rarely noticeable by the driver and is most often caused by driving on less than perfect roads. There is a charge for an alignment adjustment, but only if one is found to be needed.

For added convenience, with any service work or maintenance, we do provide our guests with complimentary valet service and a fleet of new Lexus loaner vehicles for you to book by appointment. And yes, we do service all makes and models.

We invite you, your friends and family to come down to Birchwood Lexus at 200 Lawson Crescent to say hi, have a coffee and check out the newest and most state of the art Luxury Dealership in Western Canada.

We look forward to seeing you soon and sharing in some events over the next year.

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