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OUTLOOK

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JCAM Gala Dinner 2023

JCAM Community Service Award Recipients:
Harvey Kaita and Kathy Grabowski

Bill Norrie Community Supporter Award Recipient:
Brian Bowman

Art Miki National Leadership Award Recipient:
Susanne Tabata

President's Message

Dr. Kelly Kaita

Fall is now upon us and we prepare for the fall and winter programming at the centre. It is so exciting to see so many innovative programs and events that the centre is hosting. I feel that this type of programming will continue to bring in more members and generate more exposure demonstrating the centre's commitment to preserving Japanese culture and heritage.

Recently JCAM hosted the NAJC (National Association of Japanese Canadians) "building capacity" conference. This was a remarkable success thanks once again to all the volunteers that helped but this conference on. We had so many wonderful comments from the guests to the centre admiring all the fruits of our hard work! So, congratulations to all the members who have made the centre a place to be aspired. Part of this amazing weekend was our 2023 annual Gala dinner. This was such an enormous success in part due to the hard work of the Gala committee chaired by Ken Teramura! Thanks Ken! We awarded our community service awards to Mrs. Kathy Grabowski and Mr. Harvey Kaita. These are two individuals who have given of their time to ensure that our small community in Manitoba remains committed and respected. Our inaugural Bill Norrie Community Supporter Award was presented to Mr. Brian Bowman by Mrs. Helen Norrie. The Art Miki National leadership award was given to Ms. Susanne Tabata, which was such a surprise for her. She thanked so many for making this Gala one of the absolute best that she has attended! Our keynote speaker for the evening was Ms. Isha Khan, CEO of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Her speech was one that will be remembered by all of us and worthy of a Ted Talk! SEVA International Charitable Foundation once again came through with a $2500 donation to ensure that we were able to make sure that the Gala would be one to remember for all of us. Thanks SEVA!

In the interim, we have received another Government of Manitoba grant that I applied for and was successful in acquiring. This is a 25k grant which is to upgrade our AV and online needs at the centre, which is to improve our ability to ensure that we continue what we do so well and allow those who cannot make it to the centre be able to attend online! This along with another grant that we hope to be successful in obtaining will allow us to make several significant changes to the centre. You may have already noticed our new restrooms that have been fully renovated and have been converted to completely touchless facilities.

Language school has started again, and it seems we may have a large group of students this year. Part of the school year is the start of "Kids Club" which is a pilot program which thus far has been a real hit for those who have attended. I am certain that this will be an ongoing program since we have been approached by others who have shown interest in joining the program. Congratulations to the committee who produced the idea and implemented it at JCAM!

One last note must be a huge thank you to everyone who came out for our annual general clean-up of JCAM. There were more than 50 people who showed up and rolled up their sleeves to make our centre shiny and clean. This type of commitment to the centre is a necessary part of our annual commitment to the organization and proves that we are very much alive and well!

Please don't forget to mark your calendar for November 19th, 2023 Saturday for our Annual General Meeting. This will be followed by our annual volunteer appreciation dinner!

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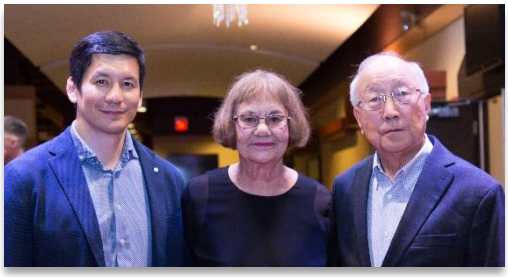
JCAM GALA DINNER 2023

Our JCAM Gala Dinner 2023 took place at the Canad Inn Polo Park ballroom. VIPs and guests were drummed into the ballroom by Hinode Taiko who performed a dazzling set at the end of the evening. The dinner was featured by our Community Service Award Winners Kathy Grabowski and Harvey Kaita. Brian Bowman accepted the Bill Norrie Community Supporter award from Helen Norrie. Our keynote speaker, Isha Khan, CEO of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, gave a very inspiring address. Many people commented this was our best gala in a long time.

Many thanks to the organizing committee - Kelly Kaita, Lisa Kaita, Pamela Okano, Art Miki, Caroline Yamashita, Lucy Yamashita, and Ken Teramura. Photos by Sandra Shibata. Visit the JCAM website to see all the photos of the evening.



HORIZON CLUB NEWS

The Horizon Club began our weekly lunches on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. We've had a good turnout so far this year between 40 – 50 members each week enjoying lunches prepared by our cooking teams.

Aside from eating we have been having exercise classes to keep us moving. We have members trained and certified by Active Aging in Manitoba to lead Steppin' Up with Confidence exercise classes. This program is designed to work on functional fitness that will support activities of daily living. With an emphasis on strength, mobility, flexibility, and balance the goal of this program is to support falls prevention, and continued independence. This inclusive program can be done seated or standing and supports individuals at various levels of fitness and mobility.

Once a month we have line dancing classes. Stay tuned for news on new and exciting exercise programs beginning in 2024.

Upcoming Exercise classes for 2023 - start time 11 am
Oct. 25 – Steppin' Up
Nov. 1 – Line Dance class
Nov. 8 - Steppin' Up
Nov. 15 –Exercise videos (11:15 am)
Nov. 22 – Steppin' Up
Nov. 29 – Steppin' Up

On Wednesday, October 11 we were privileged to enjoy a performance by Aki Takahashi from Toronto. Aki Takahashi, a member and co-Artistic Director of Nagata Shachu Taiko Group and the founder of Ten Ten based in Toronto, is celebrating her 20th anniversary in Canada this year and conducting a"10-10-20 Tour," giving 20 solo performances across Canada. She is a Japanese shamisen player and folk singer who studied traditional folk music in Kyoto. She sang and played many Japanese folk songs for us.

Wednesday, November 29 will be the last lunch for 2023. We will start up again on February 7, 2024.

Please come and join us. Membership is only $5 and lunches are $6 for members and $10 for non-members. Membership is open to all JCAM members who are 55 and over years young.

Can you help solve a mystery?

Yukimi Mizuno is looking for the family who donated a Singer Sewing Machine to JCAM. She bought the sewing machine at JCAM's Garage Sale almost 20 years ago and still uses it today.

The Sewing Machine was made in 1924 in Quebec. She would like to celebrate the Sewing Machine's 100 year anniversary with the original owner.

Please contact JCAM at infor@jcamwpg.ca if you have any information. Thank you very much!

JCAM KIDS CLUB

Our Kids Club has been running on Saturday mornings since September. We have thirty kids ages 0-12 years old. There are 2 classes and they each run for one hour. During the class time the kids have been able to experience Taiko, Odori, Karate, Origami, Zumbini, Fit Kids Healthy Kids, as well as seeing a fire truck up close and personal (many thanks to WPFD)! Parents enjoy a cup of coffee while their tots play on the mat or listen to a story read by various special volunteers.

The organizing committee is enjoying Kids Club as much as the children! We have been fortunate to have a few teen volunteers with us to help. It is wonderful to see everyone get to know each other and make new friends.

The fall session of Kids Club will end with the Children's Christmas Party on December 9th. Our committee is already busy planning for the Winter/Spring session in January!

JCAM JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL 2023-2024

The cheerful voices of the children brighten up JCAM on Saturday morning- the Language School has got the new school year off to a wonderful start!

The 2023-2024 school year kicked off with about 120 students in 15 classes. Although the school experienced a temporary enrollment decrease during COVID-19 period, this year the student count exceeded its pre-COVID level, marking record high. In particular, it was a pleasant surprise that both High School and Adult programs had a significant student increase especially in their beginner classes. Even though the AI-powered multilingual translation has been evolving at a rapid pace, we still would like to acknowledge the benefits of in-person learning and encourage our students to continue their Japanese learning journey.

The school also launched new short-term courses over the past year: a middle school class for Heritage Class graduates in Heritage Language Program and a conversation club for adult language learners. Both steadily accept students, which makes the school even more diverse and more vibrant. The school's 11 staff are working hard to improve the quality of the classes, to say nothing of teaching students.

We believe that language is a vital part of the preservation and succession of culture and customs. We hope all students enjoy learning Japanese with us this year, and we sincerely thank all JCAM members for always supporting the school as we move forward.

NAJC CONFERENCE

On September 22nd through 24th, JCAM hosted the 2023 NAJC Annual Conference. It started with an informal tour of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. The Edmonton Japanese Community Association (EJCA) started the evening with a CARE presentation co-hosted by the NAJC Human Rights Committee. Each member organization presented a five minute video of their organization.

The conference was officially started Saturday morning with a blessing and Land Acknowledgment by Elder Clayton Sandy followed by a keynote address by former Winnipeg mayor Brian Bowman. The Young Leaders and Japanese Newcomer Immigrant Committee lead a panel discussion followed by presentations by the Programming, Communications and Membership steering committees. Sunday's session was initiated by a keynote address by Gary Kawaguchi, former president of the Japanese Canadian Culture Centre. More steering committee discussions ensued afterwards. All in all, the conference was quite the success.

They say it takes a village to run a conference. This was very true for this year's conference. I would like to acknowledge and thank the conference planning team of Paul Fujishige, conference co-chair (EJCA), Hitomi Suzata (EJCA), Janis Sasaki (EJCA), Fumi Torigai (JCAY- Yukon), Niina Dubik (YLC Winnipeg), Kevin Okabe (Executive Director NAJC).

And we could not have done this without the tremendous help from our on-site Event Coordinator Kyla Letkemann and her team. Thank you all!

This year's conference co-chair, EJCA President Paul Fujishige has started planning next year's 2024 Northern Lights- Shedding a Light on our Humanity to be held in Edmonton October 4th – 6th, 2024. This conference have will a slightly different format than past NAJC conferences. It is already shaping up to a very provocative and impactful conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Teramura
Conference co-chair

Photo by Wendy Matsubushi

Folklorama

It's never too early to start thinking of Folklorama!

JCAM is looking for four bright and friendly people to be the face of the Japanese Pavilion for Folklorama 2024. The two youth ambassadors and two adult ambassadors will have the experience of a lifetime representing JCAM and the Japanese Pavilion at several Folklorama events prior to the festival and nightly at the Pavilion.

The Japanese Pavilion will be open Week One (1), August 4 to August 10, 2024 at Petrus Hall. Requirements for the positions are as follows:

- Must be a member in good standing of the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba and of Japanese ancestry
- Youth ambassadors must be aged 14 to 17 years old by May 1, 2024
- Adult ambassadors must be at least 18 years old by May 1, 2024
- All ambassadors must be available for approximately six (6) appearances prior to the opening of Folklorama
- Ambassadors are encouraged to promote the mission of Folklorama which is "Celebrating diversity and promoting cultural understanding"
- Attend Folklorama's appearances whenever possible
- Attend other Ambassador events whenever possible
- Must be at the Japanese Pavilion every night from August 4 to August 10
- Ambassadors must wear their cultural attire with their name tag and pavilion sash for all ambassador appearances and nightly at the pavilion

As ambassadors you will meet people from other cultures and visitors from all over the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other JCAM volunteers working at the Pavilion and to learn and experience the cultural diversity that Winnipeg is famous for.

Please reply by email with your expression of interest for one of these positions and any questions you may have, to info@jcamwpg.ca no later than March 17, 2024.

JCAM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Annual General Meeting (JCAM members)
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Volunteer Appreciation
3:00pm - 6:00pm
If you have volunteered for JCAM events this past year, please join us for dinner, door prizes, and live entertainment!

Anyone planning to attend the Volunteer Appreciation, please RSVP HERE

RSVP deadline for Volunteer Appreciation is Friday, November 10, 2023.

HINODE TAIKO

Coming out of the summer season, Hinode Taiko hit the ground running. With Saturday programming restarting at JCAM this September, Hinode Taiko was first up in providing workshops for JCAM's new Kids Club. It was an absolute delight seeing the children let loose on the drums and learn their first taiko song: "I Play Taiko!" We definitely have some good candidates for the next generation of Winnipeg taiko players.

On September 23rd, Hinode Taiko performed at the JCAM Gala Dinner. This was a particularly special performance since it featured both our performing and recreational members. Our 20 minute energy filled set got the crowd up and dancing! In addition to pieces written by our artistic director Yuko Nozoe, Hinode Taiko also performed *Ashura*, a piece written by Rev. Mas Kodani of Kinnara Taiko which is well-known across the North American Taiko community. We closed the evening with a performance of Manitoba Matsuri to celebrate and express our thanks to the JCAM community. The atmosphere at the gala was absolutely wonderful—there really is nothing better than performing for the home crowd!

At the end of the month, Hinode Taiko ran two sold out Introductory Taiko Workshops. Participants were shown the basics of taiko playing and learned a two part piece to get them started on their taiko journey.

Our latest six-week session of beginner classes launched the first week of October. Anyone interested in taking a workshop or class can find out more information on our website https://hinodetaiko.ca/events/workshops-classes/ or by contacting info@hinodetaiko.ca and asking to be put on our Friends of Hinode Taiko mailing list!

This fall, Hinode Taiko was also very excited to welcome Aki Takahashi (aka Ten Ten) on her stop in Winnipeg as she conducted her 10-10-20 Tour across the country. In celebration of her 20th anniversary of performing in Canada, Aki offered free performances at JCAM for the Manitoba Japanese community. She also generously agreed to attend Hinode Taiko's rehearsals to offer advice and encouragement to the group.

With all these events behind us, Hinode Taiko is looking ahead to a number of performances throughout the colder months!

4th Annual

Cozy into Christmas Market

December 3, 2023

10:00am - 2:00pm

180 McPhillips Street

Come Shop Local for Your Holiday Needs

30+ LOCAL VENDORS

HANDMADE GOODS - JEWELRY - ARTWORKS - POTTERY - BEAUTY - FUSED GLASS - YARNWOKS- TEXTILES - ATTIRE - FOOD - DECOR & MUCH MORE!

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Community Fund Reminder

Application Deadlines Approaching

The following three Community Fund streams have deadlines coming up, while a fourth stream, Sports, has had its deadline extended. For individuals, groups, and organizations planning to apply in any of the Community Projects, Infrastructure, and Scholarships streams, we encourage you to apply sooner rather than later. The applications can be time consuming and complex and require specific documentation to be collected and uploaded when applying. If you have not done so, please set up an account on jclegaciesfund.com and begin the process. Depending on what funding you are applying for, you will set up an account either as an individual or as an organization/group. Please read the guidelines carefully to identify what kind of account you should set up.

Community Projects | Deadline: October 31, 2023

1) Japanese Canadian Organizations | up to $40,000

2) Non-Japanese Canadian Organizations | up to $10,000

3) Unincorporated Japanese Canadian Groups | up to $10,000

Infrastructure | Deadline: November 1, 2023

1) Building Improvements | up to $250,000

2) Capital Purchases | up to $100,000

Scholarships (Intake 2) | Deadline: November 1, 2023

1) Undergraduate Studies or Vocational and Career Studies
up to $3,000

2) Graduate Studies
up to $3,000

3) Japanese Canadian Legacy Scholarships
up to $10,000

Please visit jclegaciesfund.com for full guidelines, to set up an account, and to apply.

Sports Deadline Extended

The JC Legacies Sports Stream, which was scheduled to close October 15, has been extended to November 30, 2023 with results out January 15, 2024. If you are a high-performance athlete or coach, we encourage you to apply to the Sports stream. Please visit https://jclegaciesfund.com/funding-streams/sports for details, to set up an account, and to apply.

Thanks to Bill Hatanaka for his invaluable work on this important funding stream.

What is the difference between Intergenerational Wellness and the Survivors Fund

We understand that there is some confusion around these two fund. **Intergenerational Wellness** serves *families and groups*; the **Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund** serves *individual survivors with health support grants*. The two funds are run by two different societies. Please see below for some clarification.

Intergenerational Wellness is part of the Community Fund, which is run out of the JC Legacies program office. Intergenerational Wellness serves families, not individual survivors. It provides funding to heal the intergenerational impacts that BC government actions in the 1940s had on the Japanese Canadian community. There are three categories of funding: 1) Family Healing and Sharing; 2) Seniors Intergenerational Group Wellness; and 3) Intergenerational Group Gatherings. Visit **https://bit.ly/IG-Wellness** to apply.

The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund (JCSHWF) is run by the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund Society (JCSHWFS). Funding is intended to assist individual survivors with health support grants. The JCSHWF office is working hard to have funding applications open by the end of the year. Contact **help@jcwellness.org** with questions.

DEMENTIA ADVOCATE WORKSHOP

in Winnipeg

Nov 11. Sat

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Location :
Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba (JCAM)180 McPhillips St, Winnipeg

Guest Speaker : Ms. Yuka Okada
Ontario registered and a gerontology nurse

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Let's make Team Orange together!

Admission is FREE.
Workshop will be in English.

＊Pre-registration is required from here

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JCAM Calendar of Events 2023

Dates may be subject to change so keep an eye out for JCAM email updates for each of these events PLUS more!

Saturday, October 28:	Children's Hallowe'en Party
Friday, November 3:	Donburi Lunch
Saturday, November 11:	Makunouchi Bento Takeout
Sunday, November 19:	JCAM AGM and Volunteer Appreciation
Sunday, November 26:	Ramen Takeout
Saturday, December 2:	Udon Lunch and Mochi Sale
Sunday, December 3:	JCAM Christmas Market
Saturday, December 9:	Children's Christmas Party
Friday, January 5:	Donburi Lunch

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