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President's Message

Mr. Jim Suzuki

I am please that we are again producing our community newsletter, The Outlook.

I am excited to announce this year the Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba will be undertaking the third phase of our building renovation. This renovation is funded through a grant from the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society. The work will include renovations to the administrator's office, the library, the Mark Koga Room, and the gymnasium. In addition, a new permanent display case will be built for our Japanese artifacts in the main hall. The exterior of the building will receive a complete upgrade and a new look, and finally the parking lot will be repaved. These renovations will begin this summer, and it expected the completion of this project will be next year. We hope this renovation will carry our organization forward for years to come.

Throughout the year, JCAM has many programs and events, hosted by JCAM, or run through outside user groups. These include Kids Club, Homestyle Japanese cooking classes, Childrens' Halloween Party, Childrens' Christmas Party, JCAM Picnic, Bon Odori, Folklorama, Keirokai, Donburi, Ramen, Izakaya Night, Shodo, Horizon Club, Japanese Language School, Karate, Kendo, Karaoke, Taiko, Shodo, Chanoyu, to name a few.

The revenue for our centre is 100% funded by user fees, donations and sponsorship from our community. We do not receive government funding for operating our Cultural Centre. All of these activities are made possible through the efforts of volunteers like you, and through donations and sponsorships, family, individual and corporate.

Many of our events are not fundraising events, and with increasing cost, it becomes more difficult to continue these events. In order to provide these programs and events in the future, we require your support, in time as a volunteer, and your financial support. Please consider donating or providing sponsorship in order so we can maintain and these events and programs into the future.

If you have some interest starting new programs for our community or are interested in volunteering, please feel free to reach out to us. You can contact our administrator, Pamela, in person or via email info@jcamwpg.ca or directly to me at president@jcamwpg.ca.

Thank you,

Jim Suzuki

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

JCAM is now able to receive donations through e-transfer – etransfer@jcamwpg.ca



The Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club was the host to our community's 20th Manitoba Japanese Canadian Curling Bonspiel on April 5th. It was a fun-filled day. This was our first time curling at the Assiniboine, and it worked out perfectly as we had 8 sheets of ice for our 16 teams. This enabled us to all curl at the same time. Many thanks to Marlene Mori who was able to secure this club for us.

Each team played at least three 4-end games, and our C-side teams had to play up to 6 draws to capture C-side! In between games, there was a draw-to-the-button contest, with Team Poole winning.

On Saturday evening, over 100 curlers and guests attended the Japanese Cultural Center to celebrate the day. The Japanese cuisine meal always provides a special ending to our day.

This year, in honour of Doug Shibata who passed away in 2024, and who was our Draw Master since our bonspiel's inception, the family awarded the "*Doug Shibata Sportsmanship Award*". The award was given to Dan Namba, a long-time participant in the bonspiel, for his sportsmanship and dedication to curling in our bonspiel and curling community. He was instrumental in getting Doug back on the ice after his Parkinson's diagnosis.

Congratulations to all curlers (16 teams) and especially the winning teams for 2025.

- 🏳️ Toru Suzuki Champions: Bob Okabe, Blair Yoshida, Kent Yoshida, Maddy Yoshida
- 🏳️ A side runner up: Brent Yamamoto, Paul Dymont, Ashley DeBaets, John Rempel
- 🏳️ B side winners: Gerald, Ryan, Hanako, and Garrick Teranishi
- 🏳️ B side runner-ups: Judy Wolchuk, Karl Kennedy, Cory Wolchuk, Lisa Ito
- 🏳️ C side winners: Brooke Onagi, Matt Bijl, Amanda McComb, Shanelle Davis
- 🏳️ Consolation winners: Ken Onagi, Rod Bijl, Rick Sweeney, Tracy Bijl

This bonspiel would be impossible to execute without our generous bonspiel donations.

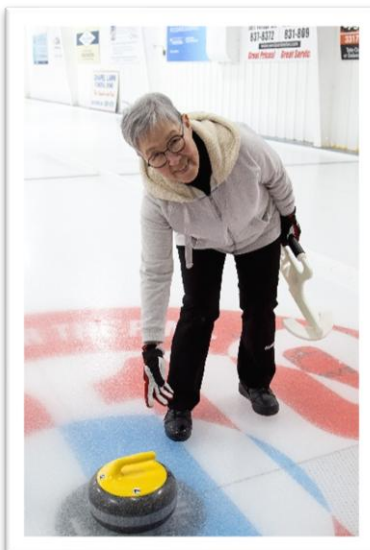
- 🏳️ JCAM Donation: Ken Matsukubo
- 🏳️ Prize Donations: Don MacDonald, Shibata and Sands families, Jim & Margaret Suzuki, Folklorama, Team Wolchuk, all 16 curling teams

Thank you to our community's volunteers, for without them the banquet would not be possible. A huge thank you to Hazel Saito and Caroline Yamashita for their leadership of the banquet. The Japanese meal was absolutely delicious! Many thanks to the shoppers, cooks, sushi-rollers, set-up, servers, clean-up crew, bartenders, and many others. The volunteers deserve a big thank you from all the curlers and their guests, so domo arigato. They say a picture paints a thousand words, and we hope to have the event pictures posted to the JCAM website in the near future.

2026 will be the bonspiel's 21st anniversary, so we hope to see you there.

Sandra Shibata

Photos of the 2025 Bonspiel are on the JCAM website: <https://www.jcamwpg.ca/gallery/2025-jcam-bonspiel/>



KEIROKAI 2025

JCAM hosted Keirokai on Sunday, April 13, 2025 with 63 honoured guests plus family members for a total of 91 guests. Everyone enjoyed a bento lunch catered by Edokko Japanese Food, followed by dessert and tea. Each honoured guest received a gift bag and were entertained by the Kaede children's dance group. Thank you to our entertainers –Lilly Houle, Huk Kimanivong, Suzu Kimanivong, Sumi Saito-Kimanivong (Kaede instructor), and Noriko Takahashi (Kaede instructor).

Many thanks to the organizing committee - Sandy Allen, Christine Kaita, Debbie Harasym, Janet Okabe – for their hard work in putting the event together. Thanks also to our volunteers who took time out of their busy schedule to help out – Sandra Shibata (photographer), Wayne Oike, Amanda Oike, Lisa Leochko, Mark Leochko, Ella Leochko, Michael Oike, Ken Harasym, Fredrick Allen, Ben Allen, Alex Allen Chaput, Margaret Suzuki, Catie Racine.

We also thank Elaine Shimane-Brown for her kind donation of beautiful origami artwork for each guest to take home.

All official photos of Keirokai are on the JCAM website: <https://www.jcamwpg.ca/gallery/2025-keirokai/>





HORIZON CLUB NEWS

After our summer break, the Horizon Club began its weekly get-togethers on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024.

Each week we have a wonderful lunch prepared by our member cooking teams. Before lunch at 11 am, all members are welcome to participate in our activity programs.

- Steppin' Up – exercise program developed for seniors by Active Aging Manitoba, classes led by Horizon Club certified instructors – Lila, Mayumi, Marlene, Theresa and Tom.
- ♦Line Dancing – learn different line dances, led by Lorraine who has years of experience teaching seniors to line dance

We have had an eventful year so far:

- ♦August 19, 2024 – group bus tour to the Korean and Celtic Ireland Pavilions
- ♦October 9, 2024 – tour to The Leaf for the Yasuragi-Gardens of Japan
- November 27, 2024 – catered Filipino lunch
- ♦December 8, 2024 – Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra – A Prairie Christmas Celebration
- February 5, 2025 – Shinen Kai potluck lunch
- March 26, 2025 – hosted the Young at Heart Seniors Club; they participated in Shodo and Taiko, and enjoyed lunch with us
- April 23, 2025 – catered Italian pasta lunch

Upcoming:

- ♦May 25 – the Horizon Club will be hosting an Intergenerational Family History Gathering (see below for more information)
- June 18 – Natsu No Atsumari lunch prepared by Chef and Mrs Ono; last lunch before our summer break
- ♦August 5 – Folklorama group bus tour to the Brazilian and Caribbean Pavilions
- September 10 – start of weekly get-togethers

The Horizon Club is open to all JCAM members who are 55 and over years young. Membership fees are \$5 per year and lunches are \$7 for Horizon members and \$10 for guests. Please come and join us for fun, lunch and camaraderie; one of our goals is to foster social interaction among our senior community.

♦Funding for these activities is thanks to the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society Intergenerational Wellness Grants.



JCAM HORIZON CLUB

Intergenerational Family History Gathering

When: Sunday, May 25, 2025, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Where: Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba (JCAM) Cultural Centre

This project brings together Japanese Canadian survivors and their families, seniors, and recent arrivals from Japan. The event provides an opportunity for the elders in our community to share their experiences coming to Manitoba from British Columbia during the 1940's when they were forced to leave their homes. The history of Japanese Canadian internment must never be forgotten.

It will be an educational opportunity for the younger multi-heritage generations and their children. The post war issei have come to Winnipeg over the years to make Winnipeg their home. They will also share their experiences leaving Japan and living in Canada. There will be personal accounts, short videos, a time for questions, and small group discussions.

Winnipeg is a small but active, diverse Japanese community. This event will encourage everyone to feel welcome to participate in community activities.

Refreshments will be served.

This event is made possible with BC Redress funds from the JC Legacy Society Intergenerational Wellness Grant.

FOLKLORAMA 2025

Sunday, August 10 – Saturday, August 16, 2024

Planning for this year's Folklorama Japanese Pavilion is underway!

This year's Folklorama Festival runs from August 3 to 16, 2025 and will feature 44 pavilions over two weeks at various locations around Winnipeg. Each pavilion features a combination of vibrant performances, culinary delights, cultural displays and a souvenir area. A digital travel guide will be available and online tickets for all pavilions and tours will go on sale on May 28, 2025.

The Japanese Pavilion is one of 23 pavilions being featured during week two, which runs from Sunday, August 10 to Saturday, August 16th. Our venue will again be the beautiful and modern Petrus Hall, 2624 Inkster Blvd.

The dedicated and hard-working volunteers on the Folklorama committee have been planning all aspects of the Japanese Pavilion, including entertainment for the stage show, the cultural display and souvenirs, and food and beverage menu items!

Volunteers are always welcome! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Chair, Sara Ebata at 1ebata@hotmail.ca.

Debra Takeuchi and Nicolas Matsuo, Coordinators
Mitch Miyamoto, Assistant Coordinator

JCAM JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL

The school year is coming to a close.

As in past years, many students participated in our classes again this year.

At JCAM Japanese Language School, learners of all ages—from kindergarteners to adults—study Japanese.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support.

Recruiting New Staff!

JCAM Japanese Language School is looking for a few new instructors for the 2025-2026 school year.

Number of positions:

- 1 instructor for High School Credit Program (Saturday afternoons)
- 2 instructors for Adults Program (Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm)

Selection criteria

- One of the following is required: professional experience in teaching Japanese, native or bilingual proficiency in Japanese (with fluency in English), having a certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test N2 or higher.
- Willingness to work at least for an entire school year.

Other things to note:

- A successful candidate without professional experience in teaching Japanese will take charge of the class after the training period.
- Wages commensurate with experience.
- The programs use "Genki" as their textbooks.

To apply or for questions: please contact jcamlanguage@jcamwpg.ca

WINNIPEG EISHIN RYU IAIDO KAI

Iaido is the traditional Japanese martial art of drawing and cutting with the katana. Winnipeg Eishin Ryu Iaido Kai practices the classical style of iaido known as Muso Jikiden Eishin Ryu which dates back over 400 years. We are a member of the Seito Seiryu Muso Jikiden Eishin Ryu Iaido Kokusai Renmei (World MJER Iaido Federation) headed by Kobara Kenichi Sensei.

Winnipeg Eishin Ryu Iaido Kai practices at JCAM on Sundays at 9:30 - 11:30 am.

We are accepting new students. For more information, please contact us at WERIK@shaw.ca.





JCAM KIDS CLUB

What a year it has been with JCAM Kids Club! Thirty children aged 1-12 years along with their parents have participated in a variety of activities over the past year, including, judo, taiko, odori, origami, arts and crafts plus many more. We also had special visits from Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation, the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Safety House, and City of Winnipeg Fit Kids.

As we wind down the year, we thank the organizing committee – Sara Ebata, Debra Takeuchi, Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin, Sarah Keating Sangalang, Jordan Takenaka, and Pamela Okano – for their vision and hard work to bring the Kids Club to fruition. Many thanks to our volunteers who came out early on a Saturday morning to provide support – Grayson Takeuchi, Aiden Muller, and Kim Hirose.

We also thank our guest instructors for volunteering their time and expertise:

Hinode Taiko – Peggy Emmond, Kevin Utsunomiya, Sophie Sickert, Michaela McKennitt

Kaede Odori – Sumi Saito Kimanivong, Noriko Takahashi

Fuurin Koto Ensemble – Junko Rybuck

Shamisen – Akane Akamatsu

Judo - Steven Oye

WFPS Fire Captain (retired) – Ross Takenaka



Bon Odori 2025

Saturday, June 21

2:00 - 6:00pm

Join us for all the fun Bon Odori activities for the family:
assorted kids' games, watermelon hit, taiko sessions, and more!

New this year - Dunk Tank!
Come and try to dunk our community leaders into the water.

Japanese festival food, kakigori shaved ice, beverages, and souvenirs will also be sold.



Bon Odori dance practices start soon!

Sunday, May 18, 1:30-3:30pm

Friday, May 30, 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, June 4, 7:00-9:00pm

Everyone is welcome to learn 5 Bon Dances!
Practices will be held at JCAM.

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

www.jcamwpg.ca

Twitter: @WpgJCAM

Instagram: @jcamincofficial

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Youtube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCIM3M-5wl3fVBhNEjgcNkFQ

Tik Tok: @jcamwpg

FOLKLORAMA 2025

Meet our 2025 Japan Pavilion Ambassadors!



SATOSHI TAKEUCHI – Adult Ambassador

Satoshi is from Tokoname City in Aichi Prefecture, Japan. He immigrated to Canada in 2007. Satoshi has worked in the railway industry for over 30 years, first as a train conductor with Meitetsu in Nagoya, Japan. He is currently an employee of the City of Winnipeg Water and Waste Department, Greater Water District Railway. A long-time, dedicated member of the Japanese-Canadian community, Satoshi served on the JCAM board from 2022 to 2024, and he regularly volunteers at a number of JCAM events, including Folklorama and Bon Odori. As a member of the JCAM Karaoke Club, Satoshi enjoys singing modern Japanese songs. He is honoured to be an adult ambassador of the Japanese Pavilion.

NOBUKO DIAZ TSUZUKI – Adult Ambassador

Nobuko is a loving mother of five, and as an educational assistant in an elementary school, she is able to utilize her Japanese early education background and instructional skills. She aspires to train as a special education teacher. Nobuko was born and raised in the Kanagawa Prefecture in Yokohama, Japan. During her free time, Nobuko enjoys reading books, and loves to go to the bookstore with her children. She enjoys going on walks, and bike rides with her family. Nobuko and her family enjoy giving back to the community and volunteering at the Japanese Cultural Centre.



GRAYSON TAKEUCHI – Youth Ambassador

My name is Grayson Takeuchi and I am 17 years old. I have been involved with the Japanese Cultural Association since I was very young. I started volunteering at the Japanese Pavilion when I was 5 years old. I was a performer with the Kaede Dance Group and continued doing various jobs until this year when I agreed to become a youth ambassador. I am currently taking the high school Japanese language class offered at JCAM because I have the goal of attending university in Japan for my undergraduate degree. During my free time I enjoy cooking, baking, and art. I'm very excited to share Japanese culture with visitors to our pavilion and to visit other pavilions and experience culture from around the world.



ZAHLIA DIAZ TSUZUKI – Youth Ambassador

Zahlia is a fourteen-year-old Kelvin High School freshman, who is of Japanese and Colombian American descent. Born in Oregon, USA, she moved to Yokohama, Japan at 4 years of age. Zahlia lived in Japan for four years where she attended Japanese public school and became fluent in the language. In order to maintain her second language, Zahlia took Japanese language classes at JCAM for almost three years. Music is her passion, and currently, she is the first chair oboist in the Winnipeg Youth Concert Orchestra. Zahlia has also played in several provincial honour bands, plays the koto, a traditional Japanese instrument, and has taken up tenor ukulele as a hobby. She also enjoys many sports, including basketball and ultimate frisbee. She loves to volunteer at the Japanese pavilion and is excited to be both an ambassador this year alongside her mother, Nobuko, and to perform the koto on the main stage.



DANIEL AKIRA COWEN – Greeter

Daniel is a 24 year young man who is always on the go. He is currently attending Options, Pathways and Transition, a day program where he has met many friends and has had many learning opportunities. Daniel is a Special Olympics athlete in 5 pin bowling and basketball. A part time job at the Tundra Grill in the Assiniboine Park Zoo, music, dancing, singing, zumba, taiko drumming, cycling, cheering on the Manitoba Moose, and motorcycle rides with his dad, fill up the rest of his free time. You can meet Daniel as he is greeting guests and volunteers at the Japanese Pavilion.





Save the date!

JCAM Picnic

Sunday, July 13, 2025

10:00am – 1:00pm

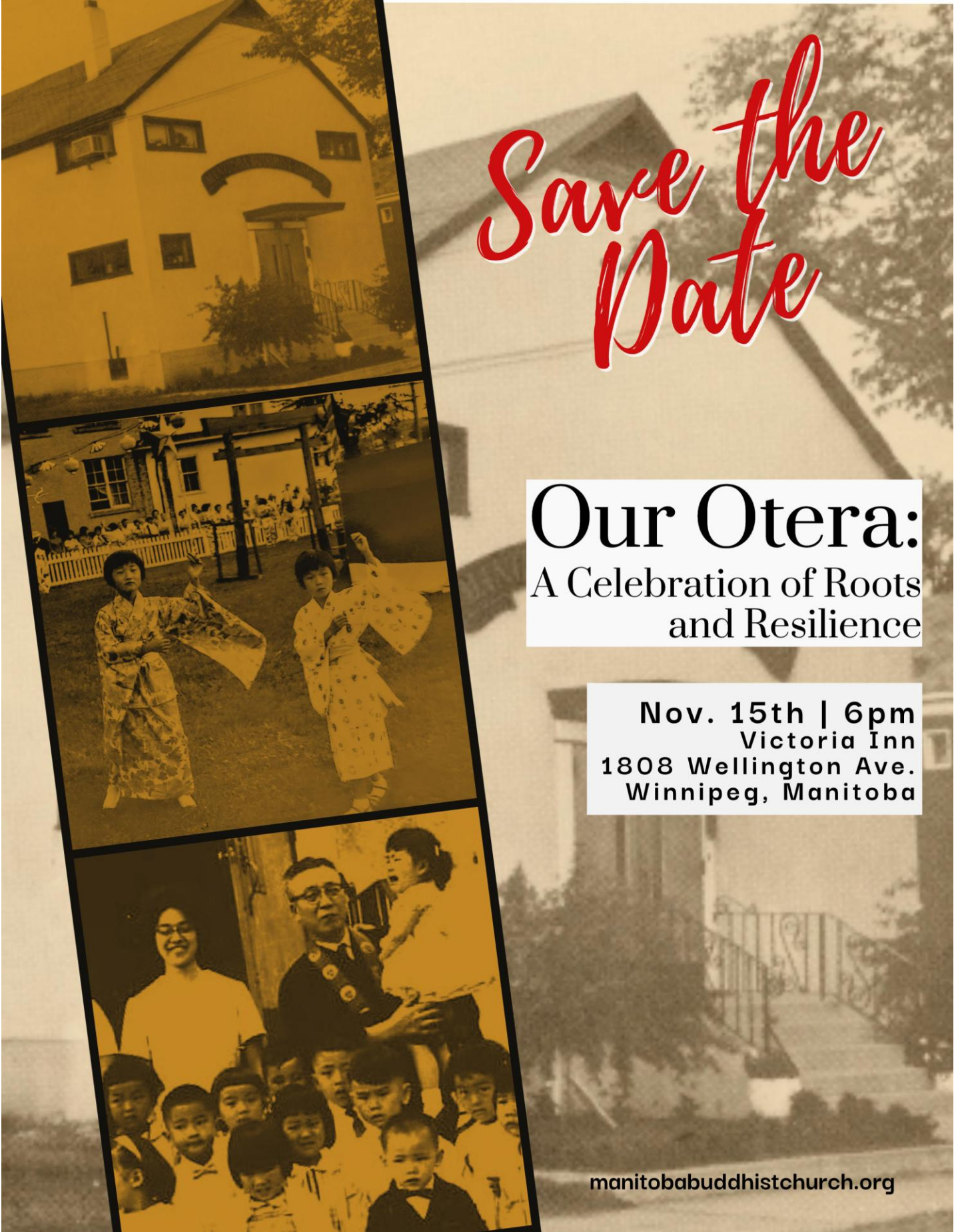
St. Vital Park

Oak & Aspen Picnic Shelter

Children's Races start at 10:30am
Followed by Adult Races and Scrambles.
Raffle draws take place after lunch!

Registration details coming soon!





Save the Date

Our Otera:

A Celebration of Roots
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Nov. 15th | 6pm
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