



NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

April activities **Annual Yard Sale:**

It was decided to extend this year's Annual Yard Sale to a second weekend and it was a Great success. Thank you to all of the volunteers and supporters.

Hamilton Bulldog's Fund Raiser:

Once again a fantastic success and the Hamilton Bulldogs WON the game!. We generated over \$2,000.00 profit. Thank you to all the supporters.

Volunteer Appreciation Day:

Our first ever attempt at showing our appreciation for all of the volunteers throughout the years. A wonderful idea and we hope to continue to build upon honouring our volunteers each and every year. Special thank you to Unha for making and donating the limited edition pottery.

Keiro Kai and Mrs. Chiyoko Izumi Special Honour:

What a wonderful impactful day. Not only did we enjoy a great meal and song and dance, but we were also able to honour Mrs. Izumi for her lifelong dedication to teaching Odori at the Centre.

Dr. Henry Shimizu Art Exhibit:

We had the fortune to be able to exhibit Dr. Henry Shimizu's Art Exhibit depicting life of the Japanese Canadians (our parents and grand parents) during world war two. For those who had the opportunity to view the art exhibit I am sure that it brought back many memories.

Children's Day Festival:

A wonderful gesture to our children and a fun time for all who were able to attend.

Fundamental Computer Workshop:

A great success! and hopefully those who attended are encouraged to continue to better understand the new age of communication. Thanks Tak for making this happen!

Coming Events and Activities:

GOLF Tournament June 5, 2010 (see flyer for more details)

Slots and Trots:

June 12, 2010... for those who have a gambling desire and wish to watch the horse races trot.

Notice:

I would like to share with all the recent great news that we have been able to reduce our property taxes by 50%. Yes that is correct. For the year 2010 we have received official

notice of our property tax reduction by 50%. We haven't stopped here though. As we speak...we are researching the possibilities in reducing our taxes to 0%. Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest Regards,
Mitchell Kawasaki
President

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

This is the first Newsletter going out by e-mail to those who have requested this as their way of receiving our Newsletter. We have received some requests also from members who prefer to continue receiving the Newsletter through Canada Post. Others will pick up their Newsletters which will be available at the front desk.

Thank you all for your co-operation in helping to minimize the cost of producing and sending out newsletters.

If you change your mind about how you receive the Newsletter, please let someone in the office know and we will accommodate your request.

We have formatted the Newsletter to letter size rather than the previous legal size paper in order to make home printing easier. Many of us prefer to read the printed page rather than the computer screen.

FYI: I will be leaving the job as office secretary as of June 30th. I have truly enjoyed my time here meeting many of you in person and speaking with you on the telephone. I look forward to continuing my friendships with all of you as I volunteer and attend future events at the CJCC.

Diane Nishizaki

Bulldogs' Fundraiser Hockey Game: April 1st, 2010

The fundraising effort at the Bulldogs' game was a huge success. The CJCC sold 136 tickets. Between the ticket sales and the 50 - 50 Draw, the Hamilton Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre realized a profit of just over \$2000.00 This will assist us in minimizing our deficit funding situation.

Thank you to all the hard working volunteers, fans and members who supported this worthwhile event.

Michele Van Raay

DONATIONS TO OPERATIONS

Since the last Newsletter

GENERAL DONATIONS:

Guilietti, Rita Emilia (Bulldog Donation)
Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Hamilton
Kadonaga, Victor & Arky
Koyanagi, James (Newsletter Printing)
Mototsune, Thomas S.
Murakami, Toshiko
Naruse, William & Shimizu, Polly
Suzuran Odori Group
United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton
Yano, Shoji

In Memory of Ichiro Nakagawa (Toronto):

Nakagawa, Sue

On the Occasion of Our 60th Wedding Anniversary:

Noma, Yoshio and Michiko

On the Occasion of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Yoshio and Michiko Noma:

Pearce, Donald & Vera

Yard Sale:

Kobayashi, Betty

In Memory of My Best Friend, Debbie Pamukoff:

Hashimoto, Debbie

In Memory of George Hirasawa - 49th Day:

Simpson, Thomas & Patricia

In honour of Mrs. C. Izumi's 60th Anniversary Odori Tribute:

Izumi, Janet
Nishizaki, Diane
Oikawa, Tosh & Yuri

In memory of Mrs. Angela Van Raay:

Kondo, Susie

In Memory of Kay Onishi:

Baca, Kathryn
Baguley, Gordon & Joanne
Deshima, Itoko
Gammal, Elias & Ellen
Hashimoto, Tosh & Kim
Honda, Roy & Kay
Lee, Raymond & Sally
Masuda, George & Carol
Miyasaka, Mas & May
Nakano, Tsutomu
Suenaga, Jim & Terry
Tonogai, Yosh & Aya
Umetsu, Joe & Mary
Wakimoto, Ayako

In loving Memory of Aunt Kazuko Onishi:

Kumita, Kozo

In Memory of George Hirasawa:

Abe, Ken & Ruth
Deshima, Itoko
Fujino, Carol Lynn
Fujino, Sue
Funamoto, George & Theresa
Glazar, Bill & Amy
Hashimoto, Kevin & Debbie
Hashimoto, Mary
Hashimoto, Tosh & Kim
Horibe, Ken & Kay
Ikeda, George & Pat
Kadonaga, Ko & Flo
Kawai, Frank & Alice
Kawakami, Ed & Amy
Knowles, Karen
Kondo, Susie
Koyanagi, Jim & Kiyoko
Miyasaka, Mas & May
Mototsune, Sam & Sherry
Nakamura, Tak & Mary
Nakano, Tsutomu
Oikawa, Tosh & Yuri
Otaguro, Kay
Skalenda, Patrick & Naomi
Sonoda, Betty
Suenaga, Jim & Terry
Takeda, Yumiko
Tanaka, Takako
Tonogai, Yosh & Aya
Toyoto, Jane (Mississauga)
Tsuji, Jack & Evelyn
Uchida, Masako Rose

In Memory of George:

Hirasawa, Joyce

In Memory of Hideo Kaiura:

Kaiura, Doug & Gail

In Memory of Mark Fujino:

Kobayashi, Betty

In Memory of Takeo & Emiko Kuwabara:

Uchida, George

In Memory of Tosh & Kay Onishi:

Uchida, George

In Honour of Stony Nakano's 89th Birthday:

Kondo, Ayako (Cambridge)

IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathies to the families and friends of

George Hirasawa
Kazuko Kay Onishi
Angela Van Raay

Volunteer Appreciation Day: April 11th

Our first Volunteer Open House was held on Sunday, April 11th. We were treated to an inspiring talk by Denise Arkell from the Neighbour to Neighbour Organization. Special mugs, created by one of our resident potters, Unha Hill were given to some lucky volunteers through a random door prize draw. Congratulations to those winners. Thank you to Jessica & Ellen Kawamoto for welcoming the guests as they arrived. A big thanks goes to Kelly Kawamoto and his committee for organizing this day to thank all of our hard-working and tireless volunteers. Without volunteers, the Hamilton CJCC would not be where it is today. THANK YOU!



Yard Sale & Japanese Lunch 2010

Many thanks to Helen Stone and family - Betty, Joan & Kathy for another successful Yard Sale!!! Thanks to the noodle makers and the kitchen crew who make such delicious udon & sushi! We'd also like to thank everyone for their contributions & donations towards to the yard sale, as well as our many volunteers!! With everyone's help, we were able to make over \$2,500 for our centre! The "left-overs" were picked up to be used at Wesley Centre and Neighbour to Neighbour programs.



DONATIONS TO THE CHILDREN'S DAY FESTIVAL:

Coppolela, Danny & Alyson
Culp, Lucy
Culp, Sally
Oikawa, Mary
Suzuki, Tad & Kay
Tokiwa, Jean

Keiro Kai

On Sunday, April 25th, our seniors were honoured at the Annual Keiro Kai Concert. Once again, they were entertained by a host of talented performers and were treated to a bento lunch prepared by Toriichi Catering.

This year there was a special tribute made to Mrs. Chiyoko Izumi in honour of the 60+ years she has dedicated to teaching the art of Japanese odori to countless number of women both young and old. A huge thank you goes to the Keiro Kai Committee, chaired by Carol Katsura and the Tribute Committee, headed by Noji Murase, for organizing this memorable occasion.



Annual Children's Day Festival

Thanks again to all the fantastic support from our children and their grandparents, parents, friends, and especially our volunteer helpers. Our special thank you goes to Ron Tamaki & Nancy Fukumoto for their continuing support from the beginning of this wonderful festival, six short years ago.

Everyone loved the Taiko drummers & bamboo flute demonstration performed by Do Kon Daiko!! Thanks to Tokiko for having the interactive station showing the kids how to taiko drum!!! We'd also like to thank Mr. Miyasaka for cutting the bamboo sticks for our origami mobiles. Domo arigato to our wonderful kitchen ladies for the delicious Japanese food/"gochiso" like nigiri, teriyaki chicken, sekihan and manju made by our wonderful kitchen ladies, which they also helped the kids with their new activity bento boxes and making nigiri/rice balls!!! Thank you Ruth Shkumat for putting the loot bags together and for helping with the organizing this year. I'd also like to thank the volunteer helpers who really help make this event so successful by preparing the activities by pre-cutting the crafts, folding cranes & froggies, who run around for supplies and to all the helpers with the activity stations, the set up and the clean up!!!

Please let me know, if anyone has empty wrapping paper rolls they'd like to get rid of, we could use it for making our samurai swords-we are running low. We always look forward to any suggestions or comments to help make this festival better, as well, we are recruiting for the children's day festival committee, so if you are interested, please contact Michele Van Ray: mfukumoto@yahoo.com.

Puzzle #119



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Submitted by David Sloan

Trots, Slots and Jackpots



Fun Day at Flamboro
Saturday, June 12, 2010

\$35.00 includes Buffet Lunch from Noon to 2 p.m., live racing from 1:00 p.m., program and \$5.00 slots coupon. (Must be over 18 years of age and have a photo I.D. to receive slots coupon.)

Limited to the first 40 people. Please contact the CJCC office for tickets and details: 905 383 5755

KARAOKE CLUB

There is still time and room for you to join the Karaoke Club at the Hamilton CJCC.

The members meet twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays from one o'clock to three o'clock. Come out to sing, listen, entertain, and share some laughter.

We would love to have anyone join us. We sing both Japanese and English songs.

“KITCHEN KORNER”

GREEN TEA POUND CAKE



Ingredients:

- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 tbsp maccha (green tea powder)
- 1/2 tsp baking powder

Preparation:

Cream butter in a bowl. Add sugar into the butter and mix well. Gradually add beaten eggs and stir well. Sift flour, baking powder, and green tea powder together and add this flour mixture to the egg mixture. Pour and smooth batter into a buttered loaf pan. Bake in preheated 340 degrees F. oven for about 30 - 40 minutes.

Makes 4 servings.

Setsuko Yoshizuka,
About.com Japanese Food

A THANK YOU NOTE TO THE COMMUNITY

My sincerest thanks for the wonderful surprise 60th Anniversary Tribute which took place as part of the Keiro Kai Concert on April 25th. Words alone cannot express the gratitude I feel for your gifts, kind words and your attendance at this most memorable event, - one which I will cherish for a lifetime.

I have enjoyed teaching and performing odori for the past 60 years and the fact that I was able to pass this tradition on to some young women was a bonus for me. To my present and former students, "thank you" for the beautiful gift of the kanzashi and pearl necklace which Gracia made so meaningful for me. I will remember something about each one of you as I wear this treasured gift.

Many, many thanks to Noji Murase for thinking of the idea of a tribute. To the members of the CJCC, NAJC and the community, I thank you for honouring me. It has been a pleasure to be an integral part of the Japanese community for so many years.

*With gratitude,
Chiyoko Izumi*



KEIRO KAI DONATIONS:

Abe, Ken & Ruth
 Deshima, Itoko
 Fukumoto, Wally & Hiroko
 Funamoto, George & Theresa
 Glazar, William & Amy
 Hashimoto, Mary
 Hirasawa, Joyce
 Honda, Michael
 Honda, Roy & Kay
 Honda, Tama
 Ikeda, George & Pat
 Ikeno, Junji
 Itakura, Iwao & Mariko
 Izumi, Chiyoko
 Izumi, Herb & Eileen
 Izumi, Janet
 Katsura, Hannah
 Kawai, Frank & Alice
 Kawamoto, Kelly
 Kondo, Susie
 Koshiba, Kazuko
 Masuda, George & Carol
 Matsubayashi, Ako

Miki, Gen & Gene
 Miyasaka, Mas & May
 Morita, Doreen
 Murase, Noji
 Murase, Yoji & Marie
 Nakano, Ken
 Nakano, Tsutomu
 Naruse, William & Shimizu, Polly
 Noma, Michiko
 Oikawa, Mary
 Oikawa, Tosh & Yuri
 Otaguro, Kay
 Sing, Harold & Susan
 Suenaga, Jim & Terry
 Sugamori, Miyeko
 Suzuki, Tad & Kay
 Tanaka, Takako
 Tanouye, Richard
 Tonogai, Yosh & Aya
 Tsushima, George
 Uchida, Karen
 Uchida, Terry
 Van Raay, Michele
 Wakimoto, Ayako

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, June 5th, 2010
 Saturday, June 12th, 2010
 Sunday, August 15th, 2010

Annual Golf Tournament - Copetown Woods
 Slots n' Trots - Flamboro Downs
 Community Picnic - Christie Conservation Area

PROFILE: PHOEBE CSERESNYES

Phoebe Cseresnyes is a student at Westdale Secondary School. She is a member of the running team and is coached by her father Art. Art Cseresnyes is a teacher at Westdale and coaches both the Westdale Warrior track and field and cross-country teams.

Runner Phoebe Cseresnyes is one teenage girl who listens to her father. "I don't usually hear anything, but I can hear him on the track," Cseresnyes said after winning the midget girls' 1,500-metre race at the Hamilton-Wentworth public high school track and field championships on Friday, May 14th, 2010.

Her time on the Mohawk Sports Park track was 4 minutes, 59.15 seconds - her first clocking under five minutes.

"It's great that he's one of my coaches. He yells out my splits and always encourages me."

Cseresnyes, who holds the Hamilton elementary school record for the 1,500, also plays rep soccer in Burlington and basketball in Dundas.

"(Running) is definitely something I want to keep up," she said.

Cseresnyes helped Westdale win a silver medal at the OF-SAA cross-country championships last fall in Toronto.

"We have three midget girls who are all super runners,"

Art Cseresnyes said. He was referring to his daughter, 400m and 800m winner Aleksa Despinic, and Heather Summers, who finished second in the 1,500 and third in the 800.

There were 508 athletes from 17 schools competing on Friday. The top five at the HWIAC meet advance to the SOSSA finals Thursday, May 20th at St. Catharines Collegiate.

Phoebe is the granddaughter of Jim and Terry Suenaga. Her parents are Art and Tracey Cseresnyes.

Article courtesy of Larry Moko of the Spectator

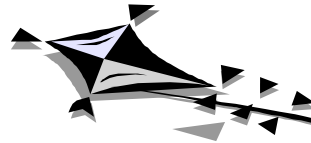
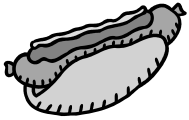
DID YOU KNOW?

This year marks the **15th Anniversary** of the Hamilton Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre since it's Grand Opening at 45 Hempstead Drive on April 9, 1995 was announced by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre and the Hamilton Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians.

Previous to this date, we were located at Onteora School from 1978 to 1995.

20th Annual NAJC/CJCC Community Picnic

Sponsored by the Hamilton Chapter of
National Association of Japanese
Canadians and the Hamilton Canadian
Japanese Cultural Centre



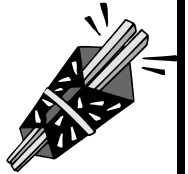
Where: Christie Conservation Area at the “McCoy Pavilion”

When: *Sunday, August 15, 2010* from 11:00 am Until Dusk

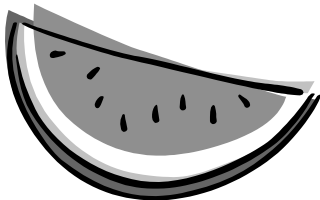
Cost: \$5.00 Adults, \$3.00 Youth (5-12), Children 4 & under free
(includes hotdog & cold drink at lunch (noon-1 pm) and fukubiki)

* There is a park entrance fee of \$9.00 per car and driver, plus \$4.50 for each additional occupant.
(There is a senior driver rate – please ask at the gate)

Bingo, children’s activities, draw prizes, suika wari (watermelon-breaking), canoe rentals, swimming area, stocked ponds, and much more.



- Races start at 1:30 PM
- Bring your obento (picnic supper)
- Free green tea at supper-time



**Park opens—8 AM
COME RAIN OR SHINE !**



**For All Members of the Community,
Families and Friends**

For tickets, contact:
NAJC @ (905) 385-1665 CJCC @ (905) 383-5755
(Tickets also available at McCoy Pavilion picnic site)
Donations will be gratefully accepted
Please contact Kay Honda or Douglas Ikeda