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NEWSLETTER

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello everyone.

There is a correction regarding the reduction in taxes for the Centre. There was an unfortunate misunderstanding on the current taxes for the Centre. George Nakamura and myself along with whatever guidance Sid Ikeda is able to research on our behalf, will continue to address the reduction issue. I am sorry to have misled everyone with our current status. Please accept my apologies.

We have posted an ad to fill the void of Secretary for the Centre. All applicants are asked to submit their resume to the office, to the attention of the "hiring committee", no later than September 30th, 2010. This committee consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary of the Executive, and Financial Officer for the Centre.

Since the last report several improvements have been made to the Centre thanks to fundraising efforts by the Fund Raising committee Chair Jim Suenaga and the Trillium Award. A new PA System and Karaoke system has been purchased for the Centre and donated by the Fund Raising Committee. This new system is to be used by any registered member or program within the Centre when needed.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES: Pool Table

- An action plan is in place driven by the Vice President, in the form of a formal petition.

The Centre has put forward Chiyoko Izumi for Senior Volunteer of the Decade for her years of dedication in organizing and teaching of Odori at the Centre.

Carol Katsura graciously represented our Centre at the Annual Japanese Meeting in Toronto. Thank you Carol. Jim Suenaga and his wife Teri represented the Centre in greeting the exchange children from Japan. Thank you Jim.

We are in need of volunteers for the Open House to take place in September. Please come out and help. Your assistance is appreciated.

Thank you. Mitchell Kawasaki, President

Our Caretaker (Al Warburton) was able to secure a grant of \$1000.00 towards improving our light fixtures within the Centre. We have since upgraded the newly renovated Sports room and the Pottery room with new energy efficient lights. Thanks Al for making this happen. We have also recently completed painting of the doors and trim inside the Centre as well as install new emergency pumper bars for the Kitchen and Sports room. The painting, new emergency exits were all achieved with the re-allocation of the Judo Trillium Funds and the hard work by Al Warburton and Judo parent volunteers to help paint.

I would like to thank the Fundraising Committee members who purchased Ti-Cat tickets for the August 7th game. Ten tickets were sold by Jim Suenaga and the profits from these tickets were donated back to the Fund Raising Committee for the Centre. By the way ... we still have plenty of tickets for the Labor Day Classic Ti-Cat game and the November 6th game against the B.C. Lions. I would like to thank Joyce Wall for volunteering at the August 7th Ti-Cat Game on behalf of the Kawasaki Rendokan Judo Team. Thank you!

GREAT NEWS! The centre is now open Monday-Friday, 10am-2 pm to all members!

ATTENTION:

We are in dire need of Bingo volunteers to help us out a few times a month. The Bingo helps generate funds that directly pay for the operation (heat & hydro etc) of our Centre. Without these monthly funds we would have difficulty operating our Centre. We are asking anyone who may be available to work, for a few hours, Fridays during the day or Monday evenings (times vary). We appreciate your help and the help of our current volunteers. Please contact the CJCC by phone or email, if you are interested.

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DONATIONS TO OPERATIONS

Since the last Newsletter

In Memory of my Husband Tosh Nakamura:

Nakamura, Sachiko

In Memory of Kay Onishi:

Oikawa, Mary

In Memory of All Friends in Hamilton who have passed on:

Nakagawa, Sue (Toronto)

In Honour of Chiyoko Izumi's 60th Anniversary:

Izumi, Janet
Nishizaki, Diane

In Memory of Mrs. Amy Kuwabara:

Oikawa, Mary

In Memory of Ichiro Nakagawa:

Nakagawa, Sue

In Memory of Mrs. Molly Uyede:

Oikawa, Mary

For My 88th Birthday:

Tanaka, Tak

In Memory of Tosh Nakamura:

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Inouye (Toronto)

In Memory of Tim Oikawa:

Oikawa, Mary

In Memory of the Late Mrs. Fumie Kinoshita: (Edmonton Alberta)

Mr. & Mrs. R. Yoshiro Takaoka

In Memory of Angela Van Raay:

Oikawa, Mary
Nishimura, Kazuo

In Memory of George Hirasawa:

Oikawa, Mary

Golf Tournament Donations:

Fukumoto, Wally & Hiroko
Maikawa, Eugene
Wall, Joyce

In Memory of the late Tim Oikawa:

Oikawa, Mary

Children's Day Festival

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

Donations to Fund Raising as of August 11/2010:

Takeda, Mickey
Tanaka, Tak

In Celebration of Stony Nakano's 89th Birthday:

Kondo, Susie
Nakano, Stony
Oikawa, Mary
Umetsu, Joe & Mary

In Memory of George Hirasawa:

Wall, Don & Joyce

In Memory of Sheila Elizabeth Knight:

Glazar, Bill & Amy

In Memory of Kay Onishi:

Honda, Koji & Ruth

WHAT'S OFFERED AT THE CULTURAL CENTRE?

- Aikido**: performed by blending with the motion of the attacker and redirecting the force.
- Cooking Classes**: Learn how to make fantastic, mouth-watering meals with chef Shoji.
- Euchre Club**: Join this trick taking card club and meet some new friends.
- Ikebana**: Join the Japanese art of flower arrangement known as Kadō "the way of flowers".
- Japanese Language Classes**: Classes are structured for easy transition from beginner to intermediate.
- Judo**: "The gentle way". To subdue one's opponent with throwing, grappling or submission.
- Karate (Wado-Kai)**: Harmonious moves involving kicking and punching, and is intrinsically Japanese.
- Karaoke**: Join the fun on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Japanese and English songs are sung.
- Nihongo Kids**: "To listen". Japanese classes for children involving the Japanese language and games.
- Odori**: Japanese traditional dance classes offered for junior, intermediate and advanced students.
- Pottery**: One of the oldest human technologies and art forms.
- Tai Chi**: Gentle movements within the Chinese philosophy. Intermediate classes offered.
- Zumba Dancing**: The word "Zumba" comes from a Colombian word that means to move fast and have fun. Zumba is a popular fitness program inspired by Latin dance.

*For prices and times, please call the office at (905) 383-5755, Monday-Friday 10-2pm



From the Kitchen: Tofu Vegetable Soup!

It's a soy sauce based soup with tofu and carrot. Carrots are sliced thinly, so this soup is quick to make. **Yield:** 4 servings

Ingredients:

- 3 cup dashi soup
- 1 carrot, peeled and thinly sliced into rectangles
- 8 shiitake mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1/2 block tofu, cut into small blocks
- 1 Tbsp mirin
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp salt

Preparation:

1. Put dashi in a medium pan and bring to a boil on high heat.
2. Add carrots and shiitake in the soup. Turn the heat to medium.
3. Simmer until carrots are softened.
4. Season with sake, mirin, soy sauce, and salt and bring to a boil.
5. Add tofu in the soup.
6. Stop the heat when tofu is cooked.



Tanoshimu!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Ballroom starts up September 13th at 7:30

The Hamilton Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre proudly announces our Annual Fund Raising Luncheon Sunday October 17, 2010 @ 12:00 Chans Buffet 1400 Upper James (at Stonechurch)

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Margaret louye Lyons

Tickets \$60.00 with a \$50.00 tax receipt. Please call the centre for more information and tickets sales or email h.cjcc@bellnet.ca

Childrens' Aid Society
On June 28th, 2010 the 5th Annual Peace Tree Day celebrated with staff, volunteers, fostering and adoptive parents , community partners, children in care, and our very own Carol Katsura and Fiona McAlpine representing the Japanese Cultural Centre! Ms. Katsura dazzled the crowd with her origami skills. A fun day for all!

THANKS AL WARBURTON FOR DONATING AND HELPING INSTAL THE NEW LIGHTS IN THE POTTERY ROOM AND SPORTS ROOM!

Trillium Foundation Grant:

The HCJCC appreciates the donation of paint from the Judo Club. Thank you to all the painters. The dojo is alive with colour. Special thank you to Al Warburton and Ken Powell.

Donations

- New colour laser printer (donated)
- Safety emergency door bar exit for Sports Room and Kitchen (donated)

**Donation of \$150.00 to fund raising committee

From, Mitchell Kawasaki

Come out for a coffee klatch

We are forming a communications committee to help with the newsletter and the website. Submissions and input are gratefully accepted.



SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER!

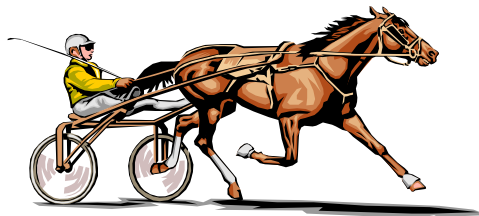


The far left is Kristin Kawamoto, Janis Kawamoto is left of the driver, and Maureen Parker (the girl's aunt) is right of the driver.

The Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre realized a profit of over \$400.00 from this successful event. **On Saturday October 30th, 2010**, the CJ Centre will host the second Flamboro event of the season!

-Cost: \$35.00/person (includes a \$5.00 Casino voucher and free racing form)

TROTS



SLOTS

AND JACKPOTS!

FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE!

Dear Friends and Members,

On behalf of your Cultural Centre and the fundraising committee, I thank you for your continual generous support. During the past 5 years, I was absent for my health rehabilitation, the Centre has had a complete new roof with new cooling unit, as well as the facia replaced. Thanks to the new caretaker Al Warburton and his dedicated volunteer Mas Miyasaka, who have cleaned and repainted the Centre. It has brightened up the place completely and gives you that friendly inviting and exhilarating air upon entering. Furthermore, I understand the Centre is open from Monday to Friday, 10am-2pm, allowing accessibility for all members at their convenience (please ring the bell).

Any renovations and maintenance of a building of this size involves much cost. Regretfully, we are in deficit of over \$20,000.00. However, let's not be alarmed as we are confident with our united effort and generosity that we can tidy up this deficit in the very near future. I am again appealing for your generosity. We are having a fundraising luncheon on Sunday, October 17th 2010 at noon, at Chan's Restaurant 1400 Upper James St, Hamilton. For your interest and benefit, we are happy and honored to invite Mrs. Margaret Lyons as our guest speaker who is graciously accepted to speak to us of her experience as nisei lady, achieving her fame, and successful career. Her past struggle and experience will be of most interest particularly to all nisei and sansei. Please make every effort to attend and help support our Centre. If possible, bring a friend with you! The ticket for the luncheon is \$60.00 but you will receive a tax deductible donation receipt for \$50.00 from the Centre. Tickets are now available at the Centre, phone (905) 383-5755. We will resume our monthly Japanese dinner every third Saturday of the month, beginning November through to March.

Thank you for your generous, continuous support!
J. Suenaga

