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# NEWSLETTER

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre

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## President's Report

Welcome back to our Centre. Fall is definitely in the air and the Centre is busy running its programs.

I would like to begin by thanking all those who showed compassion and words of concern for my brother who was involved in a car accident, sustaining critical injuries and was hospitalized until September 27<sup>th</sup>. Your kind words and letters are greatly appreciated. This was the reason I could not personally attend the Open House.

Our Caretaker Al Warburton did a great job in making our Centre bright and cheery with signage to help direct traffic. We did some tinkering with the timelines for our Open House and it reflected positively in having more spectators available to watch the demonstrations this year. Thank you to ALL the volunteers who helped Shoji to make the pies and Nancy to help prepare the food for our Open House. A special thank you to Julie Gizzarelli for chairing the Open House.

We are encouraging the resurrection of a "Go" Club. Anyone wishing to join the new "Go" Club, please contact Nick Prince through the Judo Academy. They currently meet once a week on Tuesdays. It is good to see the Pottery Club expanding their membership to include younger members, thank you Unha for your continued support. It is also encouraging that the Martial Arts groups; Judo, Karate, and Aikido are continuing to increase in membership. We had a survey conducted recently regarding the Pool table. Due to the results from this survey we will be assembling the existing pool table shortly for ALL registered members to have access to it. We are establishing a sign-in procedure to keep track of the daily usage. Please do not forget to sign in. We are looking into bringing back Kendo. If you have interest please contact the President. Tai-Chi and the ever popular

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

Senior's Lounge

All members are welcome to attend this meeting. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Zumba conditioning and exercise classes have been consistent and increasing in popularity as well. Our new PA System/Karaoke System is on display in the Lounge, (please contact Kelly and his group for more information). For those who are unaware...Shoji is continuing to offer Japanese cooking classes once a month on the last Saturday. Please contact the Centre to receive more information.

Our current interim Centre Secretary Fiona has made herself available during the hours from 10 am until 2pm. We have had many positive comments on how nice it is to speak to someone personally these days rather than leaving a message for someone to get back to them. Great work Fiona and thank you on behalf of the Centre.

Great News! Our submission for senior volunteer of the year was accepted and Mrs. Chiyoko Izumi will be officially receiving her award at Queen's Park (October 13, 2010) from the Government. Congratulations Mrs. Izumi! It is well deserved.

The Centre has acknowledged the NAJC as an integral part of the Japanese Culture, by updating one of the front windows with the NAJC emblem and their mission statement. We are now in the process of also updating the CJCC emblem and our mission statement in the very near future.

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## DONATIONS TO OPERATIONS

Since the last Newsletter

### **Operations:**

In Memory of Chiyo Miyasaka (Vancouver BC):

Mas & May Miyasaka

In Memory of Kikue Hikida:

Harry & Tamiko Hikida

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Ko & Flo Kadonaga

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Ed & Kay Naganobu

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Dennis & Diane Nishizaki

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Masako Rose Uchida

In Memory of Our Mother, Mrs. Fusako Nanba:

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In Memory of Our Daughter, Debbie Pamukoff  
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Beverly Kawamura

In Memory of Jack Kitamura:

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Open House:

George & Carol Masuda

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Gifts in Kind:

Shoji Yano

In Memory of Husband, Gordon Y. Oikawa:

Lucille Oikawa

Norman Oikawa's 20<sup>th</sup> yr. Memoriam:

Joe & Mary Umetsu

In Memory of Sister, Chiyo Miyasaka:

Itoko Deshima

In Memory of the Late Mrs. Ann Hikida:

Kay Otaguro

### **Building Fund:**

In Memory of Kikue Hikida:

Bill & Amy Glazar

Carol Katsura

Donald & Joyce Wall

### ***In Memoriam***

*Our sympathies to families and friends of :*

Kikue Hikida

Jack Kitamura

Chiyo Miyasaka

## Fundraising Committee

Dear friends and members on behalf of the fund raising committee and the CJCC we would like to thank the volunteers for their generosity and cheerful enthusiastic participation in making our Open House on September 12th a great success.

By the time you read this we should have completed another successful Fundraising Luncheon with Margaret Lyons at Chan's Buffet.

Jim Suenaga

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## Presidents Report (Continued)

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I would also like to thank those who have agreed to facilitate the Centre's News letter for October and on behalf of the Board members at the Centre we would like to thank Fiona for her efforts in maintaining the Newsletter until help was on its' way. Thank you Fiona.

With many programs beginning we would like to wish Nobuko all the best in her leave of absence from the Board with her visit to Japan. We are happy to report that the Japanese language classes are continuing in her absence along with the ever popular Nihongo Kids so come out and bring your family and friends to our New Look Centre!

We are continuing to address the wishes and safety issues to make our Centre more accessible and user friendly. Shortly we will add an extra hand rail for those needing to climb the stairs to the offices on the second floor. We have already added speed safety bar exits in the Kitchen and Sports Room.

Please try to log onto our Centre's web site to keep yourselves updated with news and events:  
[www.hamiltoncjcc.ca](http://www.hamiltoncjcc.ca) A reminder that we offer free wifi at the Centre.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I hope to see you come to your Centre and participate and engage in one or more of the programs available.

Kindest Regards,  
Mitchell Kawasaki,  
President

## 29th Annual Golf Tournament

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament went off on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at its home for the past few years, Copetown Woods. The sold out tournament started under some cloudy skies, but ended without ever having to break out the umbrellas.

According to one of the committee members "We are thrilled with the turnout considering the tougher economic climate out there. We rely to some degree on donations which seemed down a little this year, but I think we still provide great value and an enjoyable event for everyone who comes out. We certainly truly appreciate all the people and businesses that did donate, many of which have done so for years."

As has been the tradition, a steak and sushi feast followed at the Cultural Centre. A special thanks to Nancy Fukumoto and her group of volunteers for all the work in putting on the dinner and Shawn Van Raay and Rob Watts for manning the barbeque.

This year's winners were:

<b>Men's Low Net</b>	Gord Dunn
<b>Men's Low Gross</b>	Todd Rutherford
<b>Women's Low Net</b>	Marg Tanaka
<b>Women's Low Gross</b>	Diane Nishizaki
<b>Tim Oikawa Memorial Trophy</b>	Gord Dunn
(for Tournament Low Net)	

Keep your eye out for the ad for next year's tournament in future newsletters! This tournament is picking up steam and could quickly sell out again – and as always, it is first come, first served. Looking forward to seeing you out in 2011!!!

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## Around the Centre

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### Volunteering

Volunteers are welcome to help prepare for the Christmas bazaar. Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen with baking pies, serving udon noodles and making sushi.

We are also going to try something new this year – making denbazuke (pickled white radish) on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and senbe (date to be determined). Please call us at the CJCC office or email at [hcjcc@bellnet.ca](mailto:hcjcc@bellnet.ca).

Christmas Crafts - If you enjoy making Christmas crafts please come out and join us every Wednesday mornings from 10:00am-3:00pm.

### New Ideas

We'd love your input on some ideas we have been tossing around...

- Gaji/Hanafuda Night (Japanese card game)-learn and play with the pros,
- Friday night = Family night –a social gathering of families to watch movies together, eat some popcorn
- A gym night-play volleyball or basketball
- A Wii Tournament-e.g. the Honda's vs. the Sekine's!! Game on!!!

Please let us know what you think of these ideas and please send on any others you can think of. We want to encourage the social aspect of the centre for all.

Anyone interested in sumi-e brush painting lessons or Shodo-Japanese calligraphy classes? What about a class that teaches how to use the soroban- abacus? This would be a great class for the young and old for brain exercises! Please register interest by calling the office or email [hcjcc@bellnet.ca](mailto:hcjcc@bellnet.ca).

To our senior audience, we'd like to begin a special section in our Newsletter to publish your memoirs and share among our membership. Please feel free to send in a short story so we can learn what Bachan or Gichan did when they were kids!

### Mochi Manju Mania

Coming this January 2011-Mochi Manju Mania!!! Mochi will be available for purchase. We may also offer the opportunity to learn how to make fresh mochi-details to follow. If you are interested, please let us know by calling the office or email [hcjcc@bellnet.ca](mailto:hcjcc@bellnet.ca).

### Nihongo Kids

Konnichiwa! Welcome back! Hope everyone had a great summer! Thanks again for all your help and support!

We'll be having our first class Sun Oct 17th at 1pm. We're going to have a lot of fun again this year! We'll be learning a lot of new vocabulary, trying some role-playing for dialogue, and learning Japanese traditional festivals like setsubun and cherry blossom festivals. We'll also have some workshops again...hopefully a taiko drum session, learn a little odori, Japanese cooking, maybe another kendo session! Looking forward to seeing everyone again! Newcomers always welcome! Any questions, please contact the CJCC office or email at [hcjcc@bellnet.ca](mailto:hcjcc@bellnet.ca) for contact info.

### The Japanese Canadian Experience Conference

November 19-21, 2010 at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, 6 Garamond Court, Toronto, ON

This conference, hosted by The Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre ("JCCC") is dedicated to preserving and sharing the Japanese Canadian history of the war years (1941-1945), and is a tribute to our founding generations.

We invite all Japanese Canadians who experienced the war years to come and share their stories in a small round table discussion format.

Other generations (those born after the war) and anyone interested in Japanese Canadian history is welcome to attend this Conference!

To register, fill out the Registration Form (Available at the [sedai.ca](http://sedai.ca) website) by *Friday, November 5, 2010*.

For more information, contact Lisa Uyeda at 416-441-2345 ext 303, or by email at [lisa.uyeda@jccc.on.ca](mailto:lisa.uyeda@jccc.on.ca)



## In the Community

### Ambassador's Visit

News from Mr. Sid Ikeda at the Toronto JCCC... His Excellency Ambassador Karoru Ishikawa and Mrs. Masako Ishikawa will visit Toronto on Thursday, October 21, 2010. The Toronto JCCC is planning a welcome reception at their JCCC from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per person. If anyone is interested, please contact the office as we need to compile a list to send to Mr. Sid Ikeda.

### Pampered Chef/Epicure cocktail party

Are you looking for something new to try for dinner?

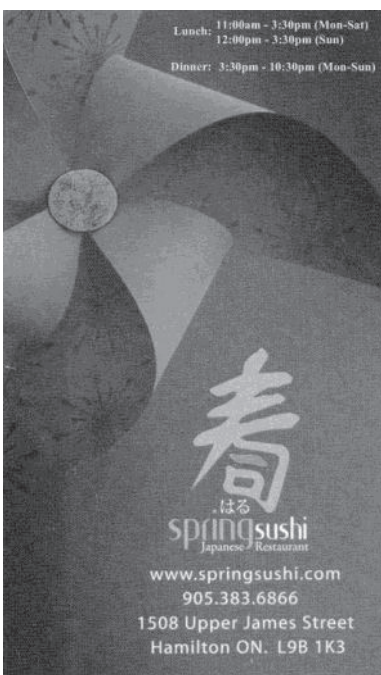
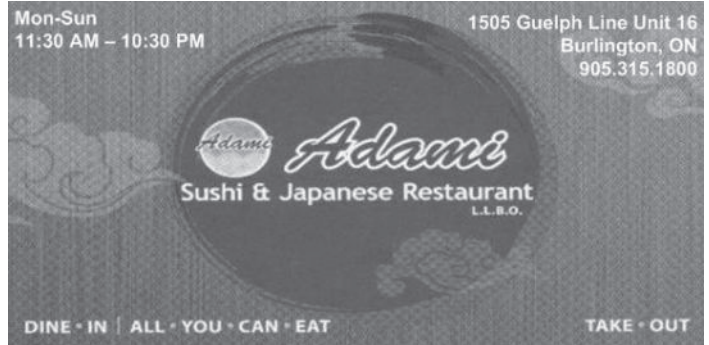
Come and see what Pampered Chef and Epicure Selections have for you!

You are invited to a Pampered Chef/Epicure cocktail party on Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Olivet United Church's lower Auditorium, 40 Empress Avenue, Hamilton. Doors open at 11:45am, food and demonstrations begin at 12 noon. \$5.00 per ticket, limited tickets, not available at the door

For tickets and to R.S.V.P. by October 17<sup>th</sup>, contact the CJCC office or email at [hcjcc@bellnet.ca](mailto:hcjcc@bellnet.ca) for contact info.

All proceeds go to Mission and Service and Olivet's General Fund.

Please support our community by patronizing these local advertisers. Thank-you!





# CJCC's Annual Crafts & Bake Sale

Everyone Welcome!!

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m

Luncheon 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Please come out to the CJCC Crafts and Bake Sale.

There will be many vendors (Pottery, handmade cards, jewellery, and crochet) and our own handmade crafts & treats our little elves were busy making throughout the year.

Come and enjoy the delicious homemade pies and bake sale!

You may also like to have lunch - Udon noodles, sushi and manju!!

If you are an vendor interested in a table for \$40.00, please contact the CJCC office or email [hcjcc@bellnet.ca](mailto:hcjcc@bellnet.ca) by Friday, November 19th, 2010, noon.



14<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Children's Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

1 pm - 3 pm

for Children 13yrs old and under

Come for fun, food and entertainment

Tickets are \$5.00 per child

Children under 1 are free

Please purchase tickets by Friday, December 3, 2010, as Santa and the elves need to make the toys in time!

Call the CJCC at 905-383-5755 with the names and ages of the children and number of adults attending.