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NEWSLETTER

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre

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Hamilton Canadian Japanese Culture Centre Response to Earthquake/Tsunami in Japan

The Hamilton CJCC has decided to partner with the Hamilton Canadian Red Cross for it's Fundraising efforts.

Timeline:

- March 12, 2011 (Day after disaster) Fund Raising awareness at our scheduled Fund Raising Quarterly Dinner. (Received donations after establishing third party contract with Hamilton Canadian Red Cross)
 - Had interview with CHCH television
 - Had interview with Hamilton Spectator
- March 13, 2011 Had interview with Cable 14 television
 - Had interview with Mountain News.
- March 15, 2011 Attended the Toronto CJCCC Meeting in Toronto and received \$20,000.00 pledge donation from the District Red Cross 7090
- March 18, 2011 Presented cheques received at the Hamilton CJCC made out to the Canadian Red Cross for the Japan Earthquake disaster.

Proposed Future Fund Raising Events:

- March 29, 2011 Agreed to participate and endorse the McMaster FMU Radio Concert. Cable 14 to broadcast.
- April 9, 2011 Fund Raising Committee Chair of the CJCC of Hamilton (Jim Suenaga) agreed to organize a special fund raising lunch / activity day. ALL profits and donations will go the Canadian Red Cross for the Japan disaster.
- April 9, 2011 Karate Dojo at the CJCC will organize an Anime Movie evening following the fund raising dinner. Donations will be accepted towards the Canadian Red Cross.
- April 24-May 1, 2011 Hamilton Flickr Amateur Photography Exhibit at the CJCC all proceeds will go towards the Canadian Red Cross for the Japan disaster
- May 1, 2011 Keirokai (Annual Celebration of Canadian Japanese over the age of 70) Special tribute and classical recital by 7 year old Phillip Darley who will play his Cello. Donation welcome towards the Japanese Disaster.
- May 7, 2011 Kawasaki Rendokan Judo Academy will hold their Judo Throw-athon. Children, adults will get pledges for each time they are thrown to the mat. To take place at the CJCC.
- May 14, Annual Yard Sale. Tables are on sale (\$50.00 per table) Percentage of profits will go towards the Japan Disaster.

Presidents Message:

First of all: Happy New Year!

A brief update on late 2010 activities of note:

2010 Christmas Bazaar was a great success.

Thank you to Unha Hill for Chairing and organizing this annual event. An equal thank you to Nancy and Shoji and their respective volunteer groups' .The kitchen was a great success. I would also like to thank all the servers, the crafters and of course all who attended.

2010 Fundraising Dinner

October of 2010 we hosted our very successful fund raising dinner with the amiable Margaret Lyons. The turnout was respectable and the talk was informative and spirited. A great time was had by all.

2010 Children's Christmas Party

As the numbers grew this year the Large Gym was

used to accommodate the larger attendance. I would suggest that next year we arrange the same weekend for both the Christmas Bazaar and the Children's Christmas Party. The Bazaar should be held on the Saturday and the Children's Party the following day (Sunday).

I also would like to thank Michele Van Raay for acting as the Chair for the Children's Christmas party.

Upcoming Activities

The first activity for 2011 (year of the Rabbit) is our Fundraising Dinner organized by the Chair of the Fundraising Committee Jim Suenaga. I would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets, for this most delectable dinner, which is prepared by our dedicated volunteer cooking staff. For those that missed out our next dinner will be on the third Saturday in February.

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Calendar of Events

April 5th—Ikebana classes will resume in April.
Please call the office to sign up for this course and further information.

April 9th—Udon Lunch/Social/Activity Day
11 a.m.—2 p.m.

May 1st—We are holding our Volunteer Appreciation day held in conjunction with our Keiro-kai festivities.

May 7th—1p.m. to 4p.m. the annual childrens day festival will be announced at a later date

May 14th—Annual Yard inside or outside with a BBQ
Please drop off your gently used unwanted items to Unha Hill or the office Monday-Friday 10 am to 2 pm for our yard sale. We unfortunately cannot use old computer monitors or electrical items that have two pronged plugs.

June 4th—Annual Golf Tournament: More information to follow

Class Starting Dates

Ikenbana

April 5th, Tuesday evenings, 7-9 p.m. for 8 weeks

Pottery

April 26th, evenings for 10 weeks

April 28th, daytime for 10 weeks

Cooking

April 30th, Manju classs

Vendor Tables

We are offering tables for the Yard Sale at \$50.00 each

Contact Fiona in the Office by May 12, 2011



Slots and Trots

Want to horse around?

On Saturday June 11th, 2011 we are having our annual spring fund raiser at Flamboro downs

Cost \$35.00 per person

Reserved seating for 40 people at the top o' the turn

Buffet luncheon

12 noon – 2pm

Post time 1:00 pm

This event includes a race program, \$5.00 slot per person

Make cheque payable to CJCC

Thank you

Kelly Kawamoto

Bazaar Raffle Report

Thank you to all that purchased tickets! The net profit amounted to \$295.00

The lucky winners were:

1. Ipod Docking Station/CD player Ruth Honda
2. Japanese Sauce Set Mary Oikawa
3. Christmas Wreath Brian Goto
4. Pottery Debbie Atkin
5. Santa Decoration Linda Kawamoto
6. Picture of the Golden Temple Ruth Abe

A special thank you goes to the donors of the prizes.

We appreciate your generosity as it contributes greatly to the success of our raffles!

Bereavement

Due to the cost and our financial situation the Centre will now be sending Sympathy cards only to families

Your Newsletter is a production of the CJCC Communications Committee

Submissions can be sent to h.cjcc@bellnet.ca

Fundraising Committee

On behalf of the fundraising committee and CJCC Thank You all for your continued support, on all our fund raising events; particularly for our fund raising dinners. Thank You to Nancy Fukumoto our chief chef who voluntarily puts on these fabulous dinners and has been for the past 15 years with her many regular volunteer kitchen helpers, so many. I shall list their names at the end of this paragraph. With much appreciation and gratitude, we wish to thank and have recognized their dedicated commendable community services. They are Kim Hashimoto, Amy Glazar, Pat & George Ikeda, Kay & Tad Suzuki, Hiro & Gord Nagatakiya, Theresa & George Funamoto, Suzie Kondo, Flo & Ko Kadonaga, Aya tonogai, Mary Oikawa, Michelle Van Raay, Sumi Nogami, Tak Tanaka, Doreen Morita, Kayoko Suzuki, Terry Suenaga, Margaret & George Tanaka, Mary McCracken, Sacha Nakamura, Mary Ann Ishibashi.

Our fund raising dinner is held on every third Saturday of the month during the four cold months of the year, which are November, January February, and March. However this March dinner has been moved up a week to the second Saturday March 12th, 2011, due to the spring school break at which time many families will be away on a vacation with families.

As for more fund raising events we should like to reintroduce a bowlathon which has been quite successful in the previous years. Should we be able to programme it, we will be soliciting your support and participation once again. Kelly Kawamoto is continuing his Flamboro Downs pleasure excursion for fund raising for June and November. We will have our annual fund raising luncheon in October with a guest speaker (yet to be confirmed).

With the regular up keep and maintenance and some equipments and appliances requiring replacement, we are in dire need of more funds. I have requested the maintenance and operation to specifically list where and what is needing immediate attention is required, that we may once again appeal to the community for their generosity.

I was so very proud and happy when Mrs. Chiyoko Izumi was honoured and recognized and received her.... award publically as volunteer individual who has so selflessly and zealously promoted and taught the Japanese odori and culture, because through her we our CJCC also received a favourable recognition.

Then at one of our past Masonic Lodge meeting our District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton District "C" announced proudly his son who graduated from McMaster University received a contract and went to Japan to teach English. He has informed us that his son spoke, read and wrote Japanese quite fluently, which he started learning years ago when still in high school at Hamilton Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre at 45 Hempstead Drive and continued further in University.

Here again I was proud to have our Centre favourably recognized on the 23 of February, some of us attended the Hamilton Rotary Clubs Paul Harris award and fundraising dinner at Michalangelo's when Mitchell Kawasaki our now president of CJCC was awarded the Paul Harris Award along with three other outstanding citizens, like Mark Chamberlain, Ron Foxcroft and Becky Kellar. The Paul Harris Award is a highly prestigious award that can be awarded to an individual recognized as a person who has demonstrated in exemplary fashion Service Above Self, whose work has been deemed by other to have brought hope and understanding to our local and international community.

Jim Suenaga

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DONATIONS TO OPERATIONS

Since the last Newsletter

Donations to Operations

In Memory Of Sister, Toyo Seki (10 years)

Tosh & Yuri Oikawa

In Memory of My husband, Ken Hashimoto

Mary F. Hashimoto

In Memory of Brother, Roy Toyota

Ken & Ruth Abe

In Memory of Roy Toyota

David Yamashita

In Memory of Mother, Father: Yukiye Koyanagi 50 years

Iwo Koyanagi 22 years

Keiko Kuwabara

In Memory of Tamae Ikeda

Jeff & Alana Naganobu

In Memory of Ken Koyanagi of Langley B.C.

Ken & Ruth Abe

Sam & Sherry Mototsune

Tsutomu Nakano

George & Carol Masuda

In Memory of Mom, Mrs. Mary Masuyo Kawamoto

Roy & Yoneko (Nicky)

Kawamoto B.C.

In Warm Remembrance of Ken Koyanagi

Ishibashi Family: Bob & Jane, Joyce, Ron & children

In Memory of Alyce Nishimura

Kazuo Nishimura

In Memory of Frank Fukumoto

Kazuo Nishimura

In Memory of Mrs. Abe

Kazuo Nishimura

In Memory of Ets & Ted Sekine

Kazuo Nishimura

In Memory of Tim Oikawa

Kazuo Nishimura

In Loving Memory of Doris's Parents: Martin & Anna Konik

Macklem & Doris Sherman

In Memory of Sumio "Monty" Motomura

Sam & Sherry Motosune

In Memory of George Hirasawa

Don & Kathleen Baba Willison

In Memory of My Brother, Glen Suyama

Carol Kawamoto

In Memory of Glen Suyama

Toyo Nanba

Jerry & Carrie Kitamura

In Victor's Memory

Bernard & Laura Dowling

In Memory of Victor Kawasaki

Families of the Kawasaki

Rendokan Academy

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Malgorzata Dzierzgowska

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Tad & Kay Suzuki

Tsutomu Nakano

In Memory of Paul Y. Tokiwa

The Tokiwa Family

In Memory of My Sister, Kazuo Suzuki

Sam & Sherry Mototsune

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Yosh & Aya Tonogai

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Tak Tanaka

George & Mary Ohori

David Yamashita

In Memory of Raymond Horibe

Mike Honda

Ell Limited

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Yuki & Sumi Nogami

Jim & Terry Suenaga

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Yosh & Aya Tonogai

Kaz Nishimura

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Kenji Nanba

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Mitsue Kawasaki
Nancy Fukumoto
Shawn & Michele Van Raay & Family
Danny & Alyson Coppolella & Family
Gord & Hiro Nagatakiya
James Miyasaka
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Sam & Clare Tokiwa
Bill Hatanaka
Sue Setsuko Nakagawa
Nobby & Kay Suzuki
April Takeda
George & Pat Ikeda

In Memory of My Bud, Ray Horibe

Kelly Kawamoto

In Memory of Roy Nagami

Tad & Kay Suzuki

In Memory of Sister/Aunt Mary Honda

Mike Honda & Family

In Loving Memory of The Late Raymond Horibe

Koji & Yukie Fukumoto

Gifts in Kind

Gerry Okimi
Michele Van Raay

General Donations

Akiyoshi & Chiyeko Kitagawa
Sam & Shirley Sonoda
Richard Omatsu
Bill Naruse & Polly Shimizu
Frank & Alice Kawai
Helen Stone
Ezio Contasti (Bell Canada)
James Miyasaka

Christmas Donations

William & Kazue Robson

Mary Oikawa
George & Carol Masuda
Koji & Yuki Fukumoto
Yoshiye Yokoyama
Kay Otaguro
Gord & Hiro Nagatakiya
Eiji & Kathy Suzuki
Dr. Hisashi Matsusaki

Childrens Christmas Party

Tad & Kay Suzuki
Mary Oikawa
Raymond Wilson (Santa Claus)

In Memory of George Ohoi

Kaz Nishimura
Ko & Flo Kadonaga
April Takeda
Yumiko Takeda

In Memory of Toshie Maiura

Ko & Flo Kadonaga
George & Pat Ikeda
George & Theresa Funamoto

In Honour of my Brother Stony's 90th Birthday

Ayako Kondo

In Honour of Stony Nakano's 90th Birthday

Susie Kondo
Joe & Vera Kasumovich

Donations to Building Fund

In Memory of Kenneth Withers

Ruth & Koji Honda

In Memory of Annie Rainer

Ruth & Koji Honda

In Memory of Dr. Bryne

Tosh & Kim Hashimoto

General Donations

Kaz Nishimura
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Al Warburton
Jim Suenaga
Koyu Kai 60+ Seniors
Kathy & Eiji Suzuki
Kawasaki Rendokan Judo
Pat Ikeda
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In Memory of Harry & Mary Naganobu

Jeff and Alana Naganobu

In Memory of Jennie Graham

Koji & Ruth Honda

In Memory of Molly Withers

Koji & Ruth Honda

In Memory of Victor Kawasaki

Carol Katsura
Don & Joyce Wall

In Memory of Raymond Horibe

Joyce Wall
William & Amy Glazar
Tosh & Kim Hashimoto

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to families and friends of :

Ken Koyanagi
Sumio "Monty" Motomura
Victor Kawasaki
Mary Honda
Raymond Horibe
Roy Nagami
Roy Toyota
George Ohoi
Toshie Miura

In the Community

We regretfully mourn the sudden passing of Raymond Horibe at the age of 69 on February 14th/2011. Raymond was the master Udon making man at the cultural Centre who made the famous udon with his udon making machine whenever Nancy Fukumoto served udon at the cultural centre. Raymond was an active volunteer who lead the Karaoke group regularly, with his personal Karaoke machine.

Raymond Horibe's passing is a tragic and devastating loss to our cultural centre, and we will cherish his memory in our heart.

Nancy Fukumoto

The last song to Ray Horibe

I decided to re-start a karaoke club at the Centre. I knew nothing about karaoke. That's where Ray came onto the scene. He was quite knowledgeable about the technical side, working the machine. With his expertise, came the rebirth of karaoke at the Centre.

We met for the first time in April of 2010. Twice a month thanks to Ray, the members sang for 2 hours. Somehow we will carry on but it won't be the same without Ray.

Lovingly remembered by Kelly Kawamoto and the members of the Karaoke Club

KOYU-KAI 60+ SENIORS OF HAMILTON

Seniors Come and enjoy free Bingo and a new Jan Ken Po (Paper, Scissors, Rock) games, chat, socialize and have good times with our 60+ members.

We are all from Hamilton and district. We enjoy the camaraderie of our members. We are non denominational and open to everyone, so come and join us! The annual membership fee is only \$10.00. There is a convenient HSR bus stop right in front of our Centre. If you are 80 years or older, the HSR will provide you with a free bus pass. All you require is a photo ID (Drivers license or OHIP card) and apply for the free pass at the Bus Terminal on Hunter St.

The meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. This year, we will be meeting during April and May, (recess for June, July and August), restart October, November and December. On occasion we may change starting times when we have special informative guest speakers and when we have our annual end of the year delicious Japanese cuisine luncheon.

From time to time, we charter a bus for special trips to the Casino and other special out of town events. For more information please call the CJCC for contact information.

George Masuda (executive secretary)

Mitchell Kawasaki receives Paul Harris Award

Certificates received from:

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Hamilton Mountain Member of Parliament Sophia Aggelonitis

Hamilton Mayor Bob Bratina

Haldimand County Mayor Ken Hewitt

Paul Harris Fellowship Rotary International Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar and Ray Klinginsmith

Medal from: Hamilton Mountain Chapter Rotary Vel Balta

I would like to thank the HCJCC members in attendance (Joyce Wall, Carol Katsura, Una Hill, Fiona McApLine) along with my family and Kawasaki Rendokan Judo Academy representatives for being part of this distinguished recognition and event to help eliminate POLIO in the World. I would also like to acknowledge my three Paul Harris Fellow recipients: Ron Foxcroft, Mark Chamberlain, and Becky Kellar.

Regards, Mitchell Kawasaki



In the Community



Chiyoko Izumi receives Ontario Senior Achievement Award

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Please make sure you reserve your tickets well in advance.

Updates:

The pool table is being assembled and we are waiting for the final touches. Hence, the language room will be made more accessible once this has been achieved. We are reducing our Bingo days to two sponsor events a month and this will impact our fundraising for 2011. Many of the previous Bingo workers are getting tired and have other obligations. I would like to thank the volunteers who have assisted in the Bingo for so many years

We are currently looking into additional program based activities for the Centre. Dance and Kendo is high on the list and if you have other suggestions for programs at the Centre please let us know.

At this time I would like to thank everyone for your condolences in the passing of my brother Victor. Thank you for the Ikebana flower arrangement and the donation to the Centre on behalf of Victor. Your kind thoughts and wishes have not gone unnoticed. In conclusion, on behalf of the new Board of directors I would like to encourage one and all to participate in activities and events at the Centre.


Come out and participate!

Thank you
Mitchell Kawasaki
President

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Keiro-kai:

in conjunction with the

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Sunday, May 01st @ 2 pm

Jointly sponsored by: The Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre

And

The Hamilton Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians

Invites everyone to attend!

Complimentary tickets for those 70 years of age or over will be held at the door for persons who return the form below.

Seniors: Complimentary

Adult: \$25.00

Child: 12+ under: \$10.00

Regular Admission price of \$25.00 includes bento.

For tickets and information, contact Fiona at 905-383-5755 or at

hcjcc@bellnet.ca



Keiro kai, Form for Seniors

For Persons 70 years of age or over

Please complete this form and return it by Monday April 11, 2011 to:

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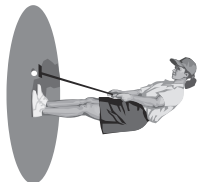
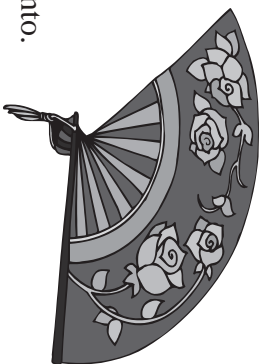
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CJCC Golf 2011

32nd Annual Tournament
Saturday June 4th, 2011

NEW * Century Pines Golf Course
592 Westover Rd., Dundas, 905.628.2877

Golf - check-in 9:00 am sharp

"Shotgun" start 9:30 a.m.



- **BONUS** * Includes 1 hour post-round group lesson with 3 Certified PGA Pros covering Putting, Driving and Short-Game!

Dinner – Cultural Centre
45 Hemstead Road, Hamilton, 905.383.5755
4:00 pm cocktails

To Register: Send Cheque and completed form to:

Hamilton CJCC
45 Hemstead Road
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RSVP by May 23rd, 2011.

Please make cheques payable to: CJCC

All proceeds from the tournament to the CJCC

Tax receipts will be issued for monetary donations \$20 & above

VOLUNTEERS Interested in helping? We would love to have you. Please contact one of

the above persons. (Dinner included)

* Prize donations of any size are always appreciated. *



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Golf and dinner (Golf carts are included.)

Adults _____ x \$100 = _____

Jrs (15 & under) _____ x \$85 = _____

Jrs (12 & under) _____ x \$70 = _____

Dinner only _____ x \$25 = _____

Donation: _____

TOTAL: _____

