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NEWSLETTER

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President's Report:

Most Program activities are making good use of our facilities. We have received numerous comments on the food and activities held during our Open House/ Japan Day. The Consul General's Office helped us once again with activities that kept the children busy right up until we finished (around 3pm). The Yukata (kimono) dressing was once again a busy section; everyone wanted to get their name translated into katakana or kanji.



I must apologize to our Odori Dance Group for the delay in their performance. As you know we started over 30 minutes late

and it pushed all demonstrations back accordingly. Please accept my apology.

Thanks to Terry Uchida from Ikenobo Ikebana Society for helping with the Open House Ikebana demonstration. Thank you to Linda Hartley for the Ikebana demonstration and her arrangements and Linda Lee for creating such a beautiful arrangement.

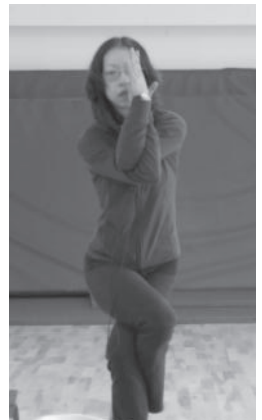
Special thanks to Shoji and Tak for arranging the food for our Open House / Japan Day. And of course as always a very special thank you to the ladies who assisted the day before and during the event. There was a slight mix up with the volunteer help to serve the food as well however we managed to get around the issue by offering a buffet style service.

I would like to thank our Board of Directors, and Executive along with our Fundraising Committee. I am being honoured by the Consul General along with an artist of Japanese descent. I encourage everyone to please come and join in

activities at the Centre. We have something for everyone. We hosted a "GO" tournament recently that was a great success! The Sunday afternoons Japanese Movies have a loyal following and Kelly and the Karaoke group are getting comfortable meeting regularly. Our Martial Arts programs are all quite active and Kendo is a welcome return. Come out and support the Centre.

Cheers,

Mitchell Kawasaki
President.



In Memoriam

Our sympathies to families and friends of:

Ayako Okura

Annette Harue Imaoka

Takeshi Furukawa

Masako Takata.

Events Calendar

Fundraising Luncheon

Sunday, October 27th
12:00 Noon in the Small Gym

Slots and Trots

Sunday, November 9th
12:00 noon at **Flamboro Downs**

Monthly Movie

Sunday, November 10
2:00 Seniors Lounge

Monthly Fund Raising Dinner

Saturday, November 16th
6:00pm

Hamilton CJCC Annual General Meeting

Sunday, November 17
1:00 pm

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 7th
10:00am-3:00pm

Fund Raising Luncheon

October 27, 2013—12 noon
At the CJCC Small Gym

Foo Ho, has now closed and we will be having the Luncheon at the Centre. It will be a catered Bento Box lunch.

We are very privileged to have Joan Itoh-Burke to come and speak to us about her Japanese experience.

Joan Itoh-Burk was born in New York City and became totally immersed into Japanese society when she married the first son of a large land-owning family in Japan. For the thirteen years of that marriage, she lived in an enormous Meiji era house on the rice plains in Niigata. During the 1970s, Joan Itoh-Burk wrote a weekly column for The Japan Times called "Rice Paddy Gourmet." A collection of her half-diary, half-recipe essays evolved into the popular *Rice Paddy Gourmet* book. Of this book, James Cavell wrote to her: "It's a lovely book and you're a lovely writer."

One Chrysanthemum is Burk's first novel, inspired by her love of Japan and the Japanese culture. For the last twenty-five years, she has been living with her Canadian husband in South-Western Ontario.

We are trying to get some copies of the book, please inform the Centre if you would like a copy by September 30, the cost will be \$20 for a signed copy. It will be first come first served with the books

Tickets: \$60.00 per person with an income tax receipt of \$45.00
For ticket information:
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Keirokai Committee

We are looking to create a committee to organize and undertake the Keirokai event.

Please inform the CJCC office if you are available and able to assist this newly formed group to ensure the ongoing success of this annual event.
905-383-5755.

Donations to Operations since the last Newsletter

In Memory of Muni Harada:

Tad and Kathren Suzuki
Mr. and Mrs. R. Ishibashi

In Memory of my late husband, Mark S. Fujino:

Sue Fujino

In Memory of Annette Imaoka:

Betty Sonoda

In Memory of Mariko Itakura:

Ben Kajiura

In Memory of Takeshi Furukawa:

Jim and Peppy Tew
Eugene and Brenda Maikawa

General Donations:

Patricia and Thomas Simpson
Yoshio and Ayako Tonogai
Harold and Norah Shimoda
Kay Otaguro
April Takeda
Betty Sonoda

Annual General Meeting
Sunday November 17
1:00pm-2:30p.m

Please join us to learn updates on the progress of the Centre, financial report and the election for the Board of Directors.

Please inform the office if you plan to attend as we would like to ensure we have adequate space to run the meeting properly. 905-383-5755.

CJCC Membership Form

Every September we like to remind all of our Members that their Annual membership fees are due. These fees go to the operation of the Facilities.

<p>Annual Membership for the year beginning on September 1st Please make cheques payable to CJCC</p> <p>Check desired fee</p> <p>Single Membership.....\$25</p> <p>Family Membership.....\$35 (includes dependent children under 18 years)</p> <p>Senior Membership.....\$15 (65 years of age or older)</p> <p>Please print:</p> <p>_____ First name or Initial Surname</p> <p>_____ Number Street Name (Apt. #)</p> <p>_____ City Postal Code</p> <p>_____ Area Code Home Phone Number</p> <p>E-mail address _____</p> <p>Courses requested: _____</p>	<p>If requesting Family Membership:</p> <p>Name of Spouse: _____</p> <p>Name(s) of Child(ren) Age</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Newsletter delivering options: (Please fill in)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mail to my address</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Email PDF</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> View on Website</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pickup at CJCC (Class/Program: _____)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pickup at Macassa</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pickup at Hamilton Japanese United Church</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Office use only Membership# _____</p> <p>Amount:\$ _____ Receipt# _____</p> <p>Date of Receipt: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional information included</p> </div>
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Fund Raising Report

Thank you to the many who so kindly responded to the appeal for the driveway fund. To date we have \$6127.00 in the Driveway fund, this is still a far cry from our goal of \$70,000. We are confident with all of your united support and effort we will achieve our goal.

Kawasaki Rendokan donated approximately \$1000.00 towards the Driveway Fund through an Internet Cafe night.

We would like to thank our founding Nissei members for the support over the years, however their numbers are declining and it is now up to the Sansei and Yonsei generations to practise and maintain the Japanese traditions and customs. There is such a rich Japanese heritage and culture that needs to be preserved and shared with others.

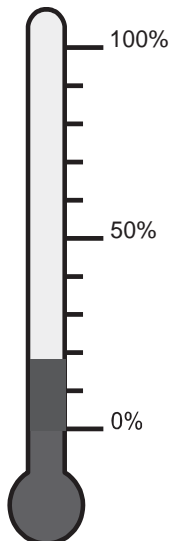
We would also like to encourage those who are not of Japanese descent but enjoy the facilities and all of the activities that are offered at the CJCC. Please remember that the space you use was built

Our Fundraising drive continues; our rear parking lot is in need of repair and resurfacing.

This is due to natural wear and tear. Asphalt does wear out with time and unfortunately we are due to repair it. We wish to be proactive with the repairs before there are any hazards that may lead to an injury.

This type of work is expensive; of the quotes received our \$69,999.99 goal will just cover these costs. We are asking for your generous support for the Centre. We have a fund-raising "Thermometer" at the front door to show our progress. We currently sit at \$6,127.00. Personal and Corporate donations will be gladly accepted. Thanks for your continued support.

CJCC Driveway Drive



GOAL: \$69,999

and maintained by the hard work of our founding membership. Please consider donating financially or volunteering your time, to keep our Centre in the best condition possible.

Our annual fundraising dinner will be located at the CJCC this year. We are fortunate to have Joan Itoh Burk who has graciously accepted to be the guest speaker. Mrs. Burk's bio is outlined in another article about the luncheon in this newsletter. She is an engaging and dynamic speaker and it will truly be an enjoyable presentation. The lunch will be Bento style from Toriichi of Toronto. If you have not yet confirmed your attendance please contact the Centre at 905-383-5755 to reserve your seats no later than October 19th. We have a seating limit of 60 people.

Our Monthly Dinners are the third Saturday of the month. They will resume November 16th. We will pass over the December date and continue on in the new year, January 19, February 16th, and March 16th. The cost is \$20 per person. They usually sell out and are an enjoyable evening to spend with friends and family.

For a fun event away from the Centre we are again offering the "Slots and Trots" on Saturday November 9th starting at 12 noon at Flamboro Downs. The price of the tickets are \$40, with this you get a race program, \$5 towards the slots, a buffet lunch and a \$10 income tax receipt. Please contact the Centre to reserve your spot. We need at least 40 people to ensure we can book this event. We would like to thank Kelly Kawamoto for being the organizer for this event.

Thank you all. With a continued united effort we will succeed, with sincere best wishes and much gratitude for your support.

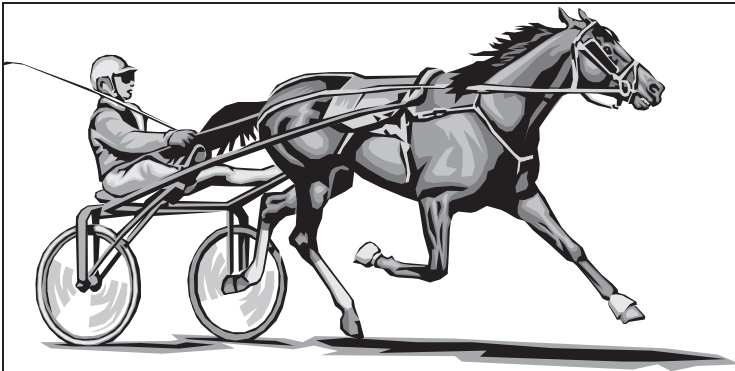
Fundraising Committee

Donors to Fund Raising

Chris Hourmouzis winner of the Open house 50/50 draw Donated his winnings back to the Centre

Driveway fund:

April Takeda
Mary McCracken
Jim & Terry Suenaga
Dr. Hisashi & Eileen Matsusaki
Dick Matsumoto
Rose Yagi
Amy Glazar



Slots, Trots & Jackpots

November 9, 2013
Flamboro Downs
\$40.00 per person
All taxes and gratuities are included
\$5.00 per person in Slot Play
\$10 tax receipt from CJCC
Dining Room open 12pm
Post Time 1 pm

Free Parking
Free Admission
Racing Program
Race Sponsorship
Race Presentation
Group Photo
All you can eat buffet

MUST BE OVER 18 (Must have valid photo I.D.)

Cheque payable to CJCC by October 28, 2013
Please contact the CJCC to reserve your

Hamilton Chapter NAJC Membership Form



Return this form with payment to:

Box 60534, RPO Mountain Plaza
661 Upper James
Hamilton, ON L9C 7N7

Surname (Mr/Mrs/Ms) _____

First Name: _____ Spouse (family) _____

Address: _____

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Code: _____ Telephone: _____ ax: _____

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New Member Change of Address

Regular Membership \$ 15.00 Senior Membership \$10.00

I wish to donate \$ _____ to support the Hamilton Chapter NAJC

Japanese Language for Kids age 3-5

A self organized study group.

Children will develop their Japanese language through various activities such as game, song, storytelling and craft. The contents will be created by the participants.

***First class: JAN 27, 2013 @10:30 to 12:00**

Organizer: Mika Takatsu

Time: 2nd Sundays, 10:30 to 12:00

Fees: HCJCC family membership (\$35 per year) + \$5 per family per class

Age: 3-5 years old

Children have to be accompanied by a family member who is able to use Japanese.

子供 日本語サークル

ゲーム、歌、読み聞かせ、工作などを通じて、日本語の上達をめざすサークルです

毎回の内容は、参加家族で作り上げていきます。

代表： タカツ ミカ

時： 第2日曜日 10:30 - 12:00

参加費： HCJCC メンバーシップ（1年間1家族 \$35） + 月 \$5

対照年齢： 3才から5才

その他： 日本語を話すお家の方の付き添いが必要です。

Hamilton Buddhist Temple

October 13, Sunday 11:00am
JSBTC Day/Shotsuki

November 10, Sunday 11:00
Shotsuki services

December 8, Sunday 11:00
Bodhi Day/Shotsuki services

Sangha Craft Times: August 19, September 15, October 27, November 24, December 15

www.hamiltonbuddhisttemple.wordpress.com



Namo Amida
Butsu

All Are Welcome!

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Hamilton Chapter NAJC News Fall 2013

The National Association of Japanese Canadians held its Annual General Meeting in Toronto on September 21-22, 2013. Hamilton Chapter was represented by Patti Simpson and Doug Ikeda. We were also lucky to have Tak Yano present at the meetings although he was not an official delegate/alternate. In conjunction with the AGM there was also a young leaders conference running concurrently. We were able to meet with the delegates on the Friday evening social event and they also made a presentation on the closing day (Sunday). Prior to the AGM there was a Japanese Canadian Symposium on Friday. This was a special free event hosted by OISE and Ryerson University.

Presentation of special National award to Tosh and Mary Kitagawa of Vancouver.

Report to NAJC by Tosh Kitagawa:

On September 24th of this year, the City of Vancouver will introduce a motion to apologize for the racist motion that was passed in Vancouver City Council in 1942 by Alderman Halford Wilson and seconded by Alderman George Price. This motion was intended to remove all Japanese Canadians from the Pacific Coast to central parts of Canada. It was also designed to instil fear in the hearts of the general public that all Japanese Canadians were a threat to the security of BC and removal was desirable and essential. It will be voted on Sept. 25th and we will have three members of our community speak to the motion. Upon passing (we have every reason to believe that it will), Ken Noma, President of NAJC will accept on behalf of the community.

The following excerpts from the original motion illustrate the venom and hatred that Alderman Halford Wilson and Alderman George Price had for the Japanese Canadian people.

.....WHEREAS the concentration of approximately 25,000 residents of Japanese racial origin on Canada's Pacific Coast constitutes a potential reservoir of volunteer aid to our enemy, Japan, in event of raids or an invasion by the armed forces of that nation;

.....And Whereas, citizens of Canada's Pacific Coast look upon this enemy alien population as a potential menace and feel that in the interest of National security, their removal to central parts of Canada is desirable, where a just and reasonable care for their livelihood be provided by the Federal Government.

The new motion by the City of Vancouver will formally apologize for its complicity, its inaction, and for failing to protect her residents of Japanese ancestry. The motion will be introduced by Mayor Gregor Robertson and seconded by Councillor Kerry Jang Sept. 24th and voted on September 25th. We anticipate this motion will pass as it has the complete support of the mayor and his council.

This was a special year for NAJC as we celebrate our 25th anniversary of the historic redress settlement between the Government of Canada and the Nikkei community. We were very happy to attend the 25th Redress Anniversary Banquet at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. There was a silent auction, cocktails, entertainment as well as the banquet and speeches. The keynote speaker for this event was Arthur K

Miki C.M. Art led the negotiations to achieve a just redress settlement for Japanese Canadians who were affected by the racist policies of the Second World War. We were so happy that the chief of the Niga'a people was able to attend this event. We have long been in solidarity with the native people who have supported our causes and who have also been seeking justice. Chief Harry Nyce and his wife Deanna Nyce were guests at the banquet. Chief Nyce gave the invocation and traditional blessing prior to the meal. Greetings were sent by the Prime Minister The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P., The Honourable Jason Kenney, P.C., M.P., the Premier of Ontario Kathleen Wynne and the Honourable Justice Maryka Omatsu. Many moving speeches preceded Art's keynote speech. They included speeches by Ken Noma, president of the NAJC, the Honourable Gerry Wiener former Minister of State for Multiculturalism. Gerry Wiener played a significant role in the signing of the documents on September 22, 1988. Other VIP guests included The Honourable Tim Uppal P.C., M.P., Minister of State for Multiculturalism, Deputy Consul General of Japan Tetsuya Yoshimoto, the Honourable Judge Maryka Omatsu, Paul Grod, President, Ukrainian Canadian Council, Karen Mock, Human Rights Consultant, Fo Niemi, Executive Director, Centre for Research-Action on Race Relations, Andrew Cardozzo, Canadian Centre for Progressive Policy, Joy Kogawa C.M. OBC. Poet and Novelist, Frank and Betty Moritsugu, World War II Veterans, Andrew Lo, Chairperson Canadian Race Relations Foundation, Bryce Kanbara member of the original redress settlement negotiating team.

"The Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement represents a milestone in the history of our country, in which the human rights violations Canada committed in the past were acknowledged," remarked Albert Lo, Chairperson of the CRRF. "It constituted a model on which other Redress Agreements with Chinese Canadians, Aboriginal peoples who attended Residential Schools, and affected communities acknowledged through this Government's Community Historical Recognition Programme, have built. The celebration of this remarkable achievement allows us to continue to remember the past and to acknowledge the historical injustices and racism which were sanctioned by the state."

Underscored is the importance of the NAJC AGM to the national identity of Japanese Canadians as it is one time that Japanese Canadians from across Canada can discuss mutually important issues with others face to face on an annual basis. Vancouver has been selected as the site of the NAJC Annual General Meeting in 2014.

Patti Simpson

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, December 7th, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Artisans

Christmas crafts and decorations

Bake table

Authentic Japanese food: 11:00am-2:00pm
Everyone welcome

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre of Hamilton
45 Hempstead Drive
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(905) 383-5755

Vendor Tables available for \$40

Volunteers needed for Friday, December 6th and
Saturday, December 7th

Check the website for more details:
<http://hamiltoncjcc.ca>