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# NEWSLETTER

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre

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## President's Report:

Happy New Year to everyone! It has been a cold bitter winter so far, please dress appropriately. With power failures and blowing snow the Centre has had challenges in maintaining programs and Al Warburton has been working very hard to help keep our Centre functioning. Here are just a few of the necessary repairs that Al has done in the bitter cold.

- ♦Fix main furnace responsible for large gym, former pottery room, Buddhist Temple/Yoga room.
- ♦Fix all fluorescent lighting in all hallways.
- ♦Fix all toilets and replace parts as needed.
- ♦Research and recommend Snow removal and salting contractor.
- ♦Assessing needs for Kitchen and Lounge
- ♦Furnace and repairing when suitable weather happens.
- ♦Repaired hole in the men's washroom.
- ♦Purchased necessary cleaning items for the Cleaning lady, gloves, toilet paper, soap, vacuum bags etc.
- ♦Repair all electrical and exit signs as needed daily.
- ♦Repair pilot light in Kitchen.

Since the AGM this year many activities have continued and we have added the return of Ikebana.

GO is now relocated to one of the Language rooms.

As your President I have been busy representing the Centre at many functions. As you may know by now I was recently honoured by Consul General Yamamoto at his home with family and friends present. I was being recognized for volunteering and continuing to profile the CJCC in the community alongside the Toronto JCCC. With the support of the Board of Directors, and Fund Raising Committee I am honoured to have received such recognition.

The Christmas Bazaar was well attended we grossed \$4016 and after expenses we netted \$3844! I met with Chris Charlton during our Christmas Bazaar and I thanked her for her continued support and concern. She and her

husband enjoyed the Udon noodle soup.

I represented the CJCC a few weeks ago in Toronto meeting with Premier Wynn and we briefly discussed issues and concerns we have in Hamilton.

With a new Board established and a new Executive we have held our first meeting and outlined an annual calendar.

We would like to welcome Joyce Wall as the new Executive Secretary as well as acknowledge her position on the Fund Raising Committee. Her wealth of knowledge and concern and commitment to our Centre is a great asset. We look forward to working closely with and listening to her advice and guidance.

We still have many challenges ahead but with our hard working volunteer on the Board and in the General Membership, we can achieve positive results. I ask for your understanding and cooperation to help make our Centre, your Centre, better, debt free, and filled with activities and vitality. I encourage one and all to please come out participate, cooperate with others and work in harmony. In closing I would like to thank those who continue to make a difference setting aside personal agendas and volunteering to help make and sustain the CJCC.-Mitchell Kawasaki

### In Memoriam

*Our sympathies to families and friends of:*

**Eiji Suzuki  
George Uchida  
Itoko Deshima  
Fiona McAlpine**

## Events Calendar

### Fundraising Dinners

March 15 @6:00 Tepanyaki

February 22 @1:00pm **Financial presentation**

May 4th **Keiro-kai** (please submit the form on back page if you plan to attend)

Tuesdays 7:00-9:00pm **Ikebana**

Fridays 7:00-9:00pm **Anime** coming soon

### Anime Nights:

Please watch the CJCC website, and posters at the CJCC for future dates and films. We plan to run the films in the Temple room Fridays @ 7:00pm. The movies will be PG unless otherwise stated.



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of **Fiona McAlpine** on February 10, 2014. She was a kind and generous lady who was a true supporter of the Kawasaki Rendokan and the CJCC.

We extend our sympathies to her family.

The Judo group and the CJCC will be running a fund raiser for Fiona's daughters to help them with her final expenses. Please watch at the centre and the website for more information as it arises.

If you wish, the CJCC will forward any cards of sympathy or Koden to her family on your behalf.



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## Donations to operations

### In Memory of my late Husband, Eiji Suzuki

Katherine Suzuki

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Sue Fujino

Tad and Kathren Suzuki

Jim and Terry Suenaga

Joe and Mary Umetsu

Takeshi and Sherry Mototsune

Lisa Tanaka and Gwyneth Suzuki

### In Memory of my Best Friend, Debbie Pamukoff

Debbie Eagen-Hashimoto

### In Memory of George Uchida

Yuji and Jane Kumita

Chiyoko Mahabir

James Koyanagi

Yumiko Takeda

William Naruse

Jim and Terry Suenaga

Stony Nakano

Roy Honda

Kimiko Hashimoto

Yoji and Marie Murase

Katherine Suzuki

Laura Honda

Richard and Cathy Tanaka

### In Memory of Itoko Deshima

Amy Glazar

Roy Honda

Masako Rose Uchida

### General Donations:

Noji Murase

### Christmas Bazaar Donations:

Ray Murase-Stewart

Tim Kondo

Katherine Suzuki

Ron Inouye

Joyce Wall

Yuki and Sumiko Nogami

Betty Kobayashi

Stony Nakano

Donald and Janet Tashiro

Hiro and Alan Nagatakiya



### Ikebana Classes

Classes for Ikebana have resumed once again at the CJCC.

We would like to welcome Linda Hartley as our new instructor. She is a certified instructor and hopes to add more students to the class. The Class will be on Tuesday evenings 7-9. The classes will be in the kitchen until the Pottery room is renovated and repurposed.

## Trillium Grant 2009

On behalf of the 2009 CJCC Board of Directors, I would like to extend my apologies for the confusion about the 2009 Trillium Grant and how the funds were dispersed.

I have had a number of meetings on this and with the guidance of Mr. Sid Ikeda we were able to "clear the air" with those concerned. We have now come to an accord.

Being on the Board is always a learning experience and we will not repeat the mistakes that were made last time.

Again I wish to apologize to all of the Members of the CJCC for this past confusion and hope we can all close this chapter and move ahead on reaching the full potential of the CJCC.-Mitchell Kawasaki.

### News from Suzuran-kai Odori Sensei: Mrs. Chiyoko Izumi

Suzuran-kai odori participated in the annual Tanabata Festival at Macassa Lodge in July. The group performed four dances ending with the audience participation dance Tanko Bushi. The group consisted of Theresa Funamoto, Marlene Frazer, Joyce Hirasawa, and Gracia Murase.

Suzuran-kai participated in the annual Obon-Natsu Matsuri in Toronto. The group practises from April to July to get ready for this annual event. The group was joined by alumni dancers as well as the current dancers that practise throughout the year. This year Suzuran-kai was represented by Midori Brauch, Miki Brauch, Marlene Frazer, Erin Hashimoto, Laura Hashimoto, Joyce Hirasawa, Gracia Murase, and Kimi Nishizaki.

Suzuran-kai also participated in the Open House at the CJCC this past year in September. The group performed two dances to an appreciative audience. Dancers were Theresa Funamoto, Marlene Frazer, Joyce Hirasawa, Gracia Murase, Kimi Nishizaki, and Patti Simpson.

Upcoming events:

Suzuran-kai will be participating in the Burlington Sakura Festival presented by the Burlington Mundialization Committee. The event will be Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at the Burlington Art Centre. Weather permitting outdoor Sakura viewing in Spencer Smith Park will follow the presentation indoors.

Suzuran-kai will be participating in the NAJC/CJCC 2014 Keirokai held May 4<sup>th</sup> at the CJCC.

Suzuran-kai will also be performing at the Burlington Footnotes 13<sup>th</sup> Annual "Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance". The show is performed three times beginning Tuesday June 17 at 2 pm and at 7 pm then on Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. The shows are at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre and the cost will be \$ 23.00 per person.

## Fund Raising Report

Happy New Year everyone.

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Fund raising, fund raising, fund raising. Thank you all for your continued support and generosity. I am grateful to you all.

This severe cold winter has taken even a greater toll on our driveway and parking lot as well as the building. Maintaining repair is absolutely necessary.

As of January 15, 2014 our treasury balance stands at \$22,147 including the driveway fund.

Whatever funds you can donate will be greatly appreciated and thankfully received.

Our immediate fund raising project is our Japanese dinner coming up on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The menu will be Temaki Sushi. We trust it will be novel and fun.

Hoping you will all join us to support our fund raising. The next fund raising dinner will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of March which is the third Saturday of the Month also.

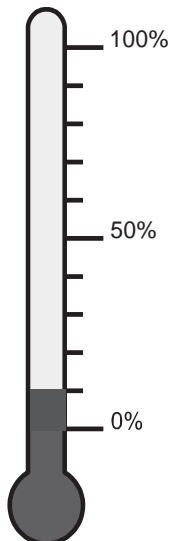
Our Fundraising drive continues; our rear parking lot is in need of repair and resurfacing.

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 \$6,684.00. Personal and Corporate donations will be gladly accepted. Thanks for your continued support.

### CJCC Driveway Drive



**GOAL: \$69,999**

The menu then shall be teppanyaki which seems to be even more favourable than Sukiyaki.

For the past two years we have been showing a Japanese movie every second Sunday of the month at 2 PM in the afternoon. As of this year we have moved the movie showing to the third Sunday of the month.

The movie being shown this month is (Always) Santyo Umeno Yuuhi by Hidetaka Yoshioka. The movie is usually 2 hours but we take 15 minute break in between. This movie showing is for your entertainment and pleasure. We charge a nominal fee of \$2 per person. Everyone is welcome. We are trying to make our cultural Centre a more pleasant vibrant place in every respect.

We need every one's participation please.

On behalf of your fundraising committee.

Jim Suenaga

### Donations to Fundraising:

George & Carol Masuda

#### Driveway Fund:

Eiji and Kathy Suzuki  
Jean Tokiwa  
Jeff & Alana Naganobu  
Karaoke Club  
Pauline Kajiura

#### In memory of Toshiko Kaiura:

Michael & Bev Kawamura

#### Flamboro donation:

Kim Hashimoto

#### October luncheon donation:

Joan Itoh-Burke  
Gary & Frances Campbell

#### Sukiyaki dinner donation:

Dr. Bill Tsuchida  
Don, Janet & Stan Tashiro

#### In memory of Eiji Suzuki:

Mickey Takeda  
Amy Glazar  
Sho Suzuki  
Malcolm Suzuki

#### In memory of brother, James Honda:

Koji & Ruth Honda



Our President Mitchell Kawasaki, was recently at an event with his wife Erica and Sid Ikeda. There Mitchell was able to meet with Premier Wynne. He has a discussion with her about Hamilton and the CJCC

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**Karaoke**

The Karaoke group would like to resume soon. We would like to thank Kelly Kawamoto for his leadership and organization of the Karaoke sessions. We now need someone to take up his role to continue this tradition at the CJCC.

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**Wolf Gazer Gymnastics Program**

The CJCC is pleased to announce a new Gymnastics/tumbling program.

We are fortunate to have Wolf Gazer as the trainer/coach.

Wolf is currently training for the 2016 Olympics. As a future Olympian he has a number of fixed costs for his own training and coaching. Wolf has suffered personal tragedies in his life and is trying to pay his own way to get to the Olympics. He is a student and works part-time to support his training needs. The Hamilton Spectator has written two articles on him. (There is links on the CJCC website under "Gymnastics/tumbling")

The CJCC president Mitchell Kawasaki was also an elite athlete training for both the Commonwealth Games and the 1976 Olympics. He found it very difficult to get the financial support he needed to train in Hamilton and he did not want Wolf to go through the same. At the CJCC we wish to support Canadian Athletes in any way we can. As a result the Judo Program at the CJCC is sponsoring the Gymnastics/Tumbling program.

This program focuses on strength, flexibility and balance, it is open to all and runs on Sunday mornings. Please refer to the CJCC website [hamiltoncjcc.ca](http://hamiltoncjcc.ca) for exact times and prices.

**Volunteers for Bingo**

Did you know that Princess Bingo is the only Bingo Hall left in Hamilton?

With that we hope to see an increase in revenue from Bingo. Our current pool of volunteers is working diligently but they need help. There has been a "myth" that once you volunteer at Bingo you can never stop! That is the farthest from the truth.

We sponsor Bingo Twice a Month on a Monday 4:30-10:00pm and a Friday 10:30am-3:30pm. It is 5-6 hours each day. We are going to post an annual schedule.

Please, if you are able to help **WE NEED YOU**. Your initial obligation would be a few sessions to understand what needs to be done and how Bingo operates. Then we would ask you to sign up for future dates.

Our current volunteers are willing to work with new people and "show them the ropes" but they are finding it hard to plan their own personal activities around the Bingo schedule. If we had a large pool of volunteers it would spread the work load out and make it easier for everyone.

The Centre cannot hire workers, one condition of being a charitable organization is having Volunteers helping with the fundraising. Although Bingo revenues have dropped from the past, they still are significant in the operation of the CJCC.

As we stated we hope to see an increase in revenue as Princess Bingo is the only Bingo Hall left in town. Please consider helping if you have the time.

## Children's Japanese Language

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.

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、参加家族で作りに上げていきます。

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

**March 9 2014**, Sunday  
11:00am  
Spring Higan/Shotsuki

**April 13, 2014** Sunday 11:00  
Hanamatsuri/Shotsuki services

**May 11 2014**, Sunday 11:00  
Gotan-e/Shotsuki services

**Sangha Craft Times**

**Sundays 10:00am -12noon:**

February 23, March 23, April cancelled, May 25

[www.hamiltonbuddhisttemple.wordpress.com](http://www.hamiltonbuddhisttemple.wordpress.com)

**All Are Welcome!**

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## Keirokai 2014

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2014. Please tell all your friends and family to come and celebrate with us.

It will be an afternoon of entertainment, good food and renewed friendship.

Contact the centre at 905-383-5755 to reserve your tickets (the form is on the back page). If you would like to perform or recommend a performer please let us know.

We look forward to seeing everyone attend this year's Keirokai 2014.



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## Financial Report

We would like to extend our thanks to **Dennis Nishizaki** for his many years of volunteering his services in helping the CJCC with our financials, record keeping, year end report and submitting our annual Taxes.

Thanks to Haroon Gafour for preparing our annual financial statement for 2013, as well as our 2013 taxes.

### New Directors

We would like to welcome Geri MacDonald to our Board, we know she will be a great asset to the Centre. Joyce Wall has joined us on the Board as well. She has accepted the Executive Secretary position.

We would like to thank Mary McCracken for all of her hard work and contributions as the outgoing Executive Secretary. We would also like to thank Nobuko McNie for her many years of service on the Board.

## Annual General Meeting

Follow-up  
Financial presentation

Please join us to see a brief presentation on the Financial report that was promised at the last AGM

We will meet in the Temple room  
February 22 @1:00pm

This is for CJCC members only



### Mitchell's award from the Japanese Counsel General

On Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 Mitchell Kawasaki received a Commendation from the Consul-General of Japan. Pictured with Consul General Yamamoto. This award recognized his ongoing efforts to support Japanese Culture at the Hamilton CJCC as well as his long standing involvement with Judo Ontario both as a team coach as well as a Board member.

Mitchell was able to share the evening with his family, friends and Hamilton CJCC board members. We are very proud of what Mitchell has accomplished. He assures us he is not finished, and has much more to do for both the Hamilton CJCC and the sport of Judo in Canada.

We at the Centre wish to congratulate Mitchell for receiving this honour and support his continuing efforts at the Centre.



Mitchell Kawasaki presenting a Cheque on behalf of the CJCC for \$500 to The Philippine Community Centre for relief efforts in the Philippines.

The Philippine Community centre had presented a similar donation for our fundraising efforts for the Japanese relief efforts after the Fukushima Disaster

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2014  
2 pm

The Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre  
The Hamilton Chapter National Association of Japanese Canadians

Invites everyone to attend the

**2014 Keirokai**

A celebration honouring our seniors  
Complimentary tickets for those age 70 year and over

Adult: (under 70) \$25.00  
Child: 12 & under: \$15.00

For tickets and information, contact us at 905-383-5755 or at h.cjcc@bellnet.ca

Keirokai Honorees are those who were age 70 in 2013.  
Please complete the form and return it by April 1, 2014 to:

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Name of Honoree \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth\_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the 2014 Keirokai on May 4, 2014.

I require \_\_\_\_\_ complimentary tickets

I require \_\_\_\_\_ adult tickets

I require \_\_\_\_\_ children's tickets

I would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the event.

- I would like to volunteer to help with this event
- I would like to volunteer to perform
- I would like to suggest performers
- I require help with transportation

Name and contact info(phone/email)\_\_\_\_\_