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NEWSLETTER

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre

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President's Report:

November 10, 2014

Presidents Newsletter Report

The Centre is starting to shape up as we have power cleaned the floor of the former pottery room and welcomed the Euchre Group and Ikebana to use this newly renovated activity room, we hope to add more programs as interest grows in the Centre. The pottery equipment has been sold and we would like to thank Chris for organizing the sale and heading up the cleaning and renovations of the room. The Board made arrangements to have the drain sewer in the back parking lot fixed. The old security recorder has been upgraded to a newer and better unit at no charge to the Centre.

The Centre hosted a very successful Fundraising Dinner on October 25, 2014. The idea evolved from our Annual luncheon organized by our fund raising committee chair Jim Suenaga and his dedicated group of Tad, Joyce, Amy, Tak Yano and Marlene Frazer. Chris, our VP, took this idea and came up with a large scale fund raiser that centred around Wagyu Beef. Ken Kurosawatsu is the only pure bred Wagyu Beef Farmer in Canada, we are fortunate to have him so close to us. It was eye opening to learn about his cattle and the work it takes to raise these unique animals. Chef Ken Lefeber of Nellie James Gourmet in Dundas, is very experienced with Wagyu beef and was able to put together a wonderful locally sourced meal for us. Yuki Koike of Koike farms donated all of the greens and vegetables used in the meal. We had a packed house of 120 people in the large Gym. It was decorated with origami centre pieces by Marlene Fraser and Erica Kawasaki's special touch in hanging her hand made ornaments and streamers from the ceiling. The Martial Arts Group jumped in to help set up, serve and clean up before, during and after the event. The Odori dancers, April Takeda, Gracia Murase, Karen Knowles under the direction of Mrs. Chiyoko Izumi, Patti Simpson and her koto set the atmosphere for the evening.

The Bar included locally brewed SAKE in 3 different strengths which seemed very popular.

The Silent Auction generated a lot of interest in bidding especially for the YODA STAR WARS Limited Edition Poster graciously donated by Chris and beautiful necklace hand made by Laura Suenaga. Needless to say the Fund raising dinner was a great success! We plan to host one similar next year!

Don't miss it next time and thank you to all who came to support our Centre, we know you enjoyed yourselves so spread the word. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered and donated their time.

Kawasaki Rendokan Judo Academy at the CJCC in Hamilton qualified 3 students who will represent Ontario at the Canada Winter Games in Prince George B.C early next year.

Alina Fusch (-70kg female); Kira Fusch (-63kg female); Carolina Rincon Kawasaki (-48kg female) Sensei Michael Morgenroth placed 5th at the recent World Masters Event held in Malaga Spain.

Recently Ezio Contasti was recognized by Judo Ontario for his volunteer dedication in organizing the draws for every major event held by Judo Ontario and some with Judo Canada. His expertise in setting up draws is greatly appreciated. Congratulations Ezio on your recent award of achievement.

The Buddhist Temple has been busy volunteering within the Centre and we appreciate all the help and cooperation we are receiving.

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In Memoriam

Our sympathies to families and friends of:

Corporal Nathan Cirillo

James Miyasaka

Umeo Nakano

Ko Kadonaga

Events Calendar

Monthly Fund Raising Dinner

November 15, Saturday at 6:00pm Sukiyaki

Hamilton CJCC Annual General Meeting

Sunday November 16 @ 1:00 pm

Christmas Bazaar

December 6 11:00am-3:00pm

Monthly Fund Raising Dinner

January 17, 2015, Saturday at 6:00pm
Teppanyaki

Monthly Fund Raising Dinner

February 21, Saturday at 6:00pm Temaki
Sushi

Monthly Fund Raising Dinner

March 14, 2015 Saturday at 6:00pm Sukiyaki

NAJC AGM

March 1, 2015 time TBA

Keirokai 2015

April 12, 2015 time TBA (tentative date)

Donations to Operations

In Memory of James Stewart

M.Rose Uchida

In Memory of James Miyasaka

James and Terry Suenaga
Ray Murase-Stewart
Joyce Wall
Kimiko Hashimoto
M.Rose Uchida
K.Carol Katsura

In Memory of Connie Kawamoto

Joseph and Mary Umetsu
Tsutomu Nakano
Elaine Ishibashi
Keith, Alex and Cynthia Smithers
Sue Nakagawa

In Memory of Umeo Nakano

Joe Ohori
Dunstan and Nancy Griffin

In Memory of Mark Fujino

Sue Fujino
Carol Fujino and Ron Mah

In Memory of Itoko Deshima

Sue Nakagawa

In Memory of Ko Kadonaga

Sue Nakagawa

Open House Donation

Betty Sonoda
David Yamashita
Ayako and Yoshio Tonogai

Keirokai Donation

Doreen Morita



Remembering Corporal Nathan Cirillo

His tragic loss has affected us all. If you wish to donate to his son Marcus Cirillo's trust fund please do so at any TD bank :

transit#2221 account #6391935

The greatest tribute we can make to Corporal Cirillo is to help his son and ensure his future.

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Chiropodist/Foot Specialist

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Hamilton, Ontario
L9A 3P8

905-575-9700

Fax 905-575-0527



Our new Room

With the closing of our pottery program we have now cleaned up the room, repainted and given it a new life as a multi-use room.

We have installed kitchen counters, and a sink to give the room more flexibility.

Special Thanks to the following who helped clean up, fill the dumpster and paint the room in time for the Open House in September.

Jason, Sam, Jacob and Jennifer Baker
 Mike, Geoff and Geri McDonald
 Steve, Cynthia, Cassandra & Caleb Snively
 Adam and Nicolas Spoto
 Joyce Wall
 Barbel McGibbon
 Sky Bowron
 Tak Yano
 Chris Hourmouzis



Presidents letter Continued...

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Marlene Frazer has been a great addition to our Board.

We have much to be proud of and I hope that more and more families and friends become a part of any one or more of our programs and activities.

Thank you to all for your continued support.

Best regards,
 Mitchell Kawasaki
 President.



CJCC Membership Form

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

Annual Membership for the year beginning on September

1st Please make cheques payable to CJCC

Check desired fee

- Single Membership.....\$25
- Family Membership.....\$35
 (includes dependent children under 18 years)
- Senior Membership.....\$15
 (65 years of age or older)

Please print:

First name or Initial Surname

Number Street Name (Apt. #)

City Postal Code

Area Code Home Phone Number

E-mail address

Courses requested: _____

If requesting Family Membership:

Name of Spouse: _____

Name(s) of Child(ren) Age

Newsletter delivering options: (Please fill in)

- Mail to my address
- Email PDF
- View on Website
- Pickup at CJCC
 (Class/Program: _____)
- Pickup at Macassa
- Pickup at Hamilton Japanese United Church

Office use only Membership# _____
 Amount:\$ _____ Receipt# _____
 Date of Receipt: _____
 Additional information included

Fund Raising Report

The Wagyu Beef dinner was a sell out! We had a wonderful evening of Friends and Food.

To sum up the event; we took our usual fundraising luncheon and turned it up a few notches. The inspiration came when we invited Mr. Ken Kurusawatsu Canada's only pure bred Wagyu beef farmer to come and speak at the Centre. We knew we couldn't have Mr. Kurusawatsu just come and talk about his remarkable cattle, we needed to have a taste as well. The event evolved into a "Locavour" experience, almost all of the food was locally sourced, some things are just not produced locally (i.e. rice for the Sake and chocolate for dessert). The greens and vegetables came from Koike Farms. Mr. Yuki Koike donated all of the produce for the evening! The Beef, of course, was local. The Wine was VQA from Niagara, The Sake from Ontario Spring Water Sake, the Beers were from Toronto and Guelph.

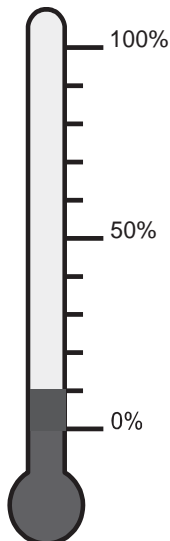
Chef Ken Lefebre of Nellie James Gourmet & Catering pulled out all stops for this meal, he specializes in local seasonal produce and he put

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 \$7,149.00. Personal and Corporate donations will be gladly accepted. Thanks for your continued support.

CJCC Driveway Drive



GOAL: \$69,999

together a wonderful meal for us. The consensus was that we will run this event again next year. We hope to make it even bigger and better. Please feel free to contact the Centre with any feedback on the event, We need that information to make improvements for the next.

A lot of work went into the event, a lot of volunteer hours were spent. We wish to recognize everyone who helped out, and donated their time and goods for the Silent Auction.

Volunteers:

Mrs. Izumi and her Odori dancers Gracia Murase, April Takeda and Karen Knowles

Paige Bell
Ella McGibbon
Stacey Rayner
Maya Rajasingham
Victoria Renton
Emma Pasian

Ken Wood
Sky Bowron
Mickey Takeda
Kim Hashimoto
Terry Suenaga
Joyce Wall
Carol Katsura
Barbel McGibbon
Sumi Nogami
Amy Glazar

Christine Seki and Rob Toomer from the JCCC
Tak Yano

Patti Simpson
Geri, Kelly & Geoff McDonald
Michelle Taylor
Kay Suzuki
Pat Ikeda

Erica Kawasaki, Carolina & Daniel Rincon
Al Warburton, Unice Chan, Ariel Takech
Paul, Angie, Maddison and Mackenzie Arner
Alina & Kira Fusch
Yuki Koike of Koike farms

Donations for the Silent Auction Table

Chris Hourmouzis & April Takeda
Laura Dowling
Diane Nishizaki
Claudio Disante
Shoji Yano
Ginko restaurant
Linda Hartley
Jeff Naganobu
JCCC Toronto

We apologize if we missed any names.



Donations to Fundraising

Noji Murase

Donation to driveway fund:

Mrs. C. Izumi
for the Suzuran Odori
Beverley Kawamura

October 25th fund raising dinner donations:

Dr. Bill Tsuchida
Irene Strum
Sandra L. Edrupt
Kay Nishimura
Tammy Hrycak

IKEBANA HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY: DECEMBER 13, 2014
TIME: 10:00 AM TO 1:00 at the CJCC

Grace your home or give a gift; a lovely holiday arrangement made by you.

The workshop includes vase, holiday greenery and flowers, supplies and instruction to create a table arrangement or entry way piece for your home.

Cost: \$35.00 (\$12.00 to CJCC) Sign up early as materials must be ordered in advance.

Linda Hartley: 905-548-6013
or ldhartley83@gmail.com



Hamilton Buddhist Temple

November 10, Sunday 11:00
Shotsuki services

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

January 10, 2015 Sunday
11:00 Hoonko/Shotsuki service



Namo Amida
Butsu

Sangha Craft Times:

November 24, December 15
www.hamiltonbuddhisttemple.wordpress.com

All Are Welcome!

Now located at the CJCC

Annual General Meeting

**Sunday November 16 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.



子供 日本語サークル (Kids Japanese)

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します。

毎回の内容は、参加家族で作って上げていきます。お父さん、お母さん、御協力下さい。

時：毎月 第2日曜日 10:30-12:00

コース開始日：特にありません。どの月から参加してもらっても結構です。

場所：Hamilton Canadian Japanese Culture Centre
45 Hempstead Drive, Hamilton, Ontario, L8W 2Y6

参加費：HCJCCメンバーシップ（1年間1家族
\$35）+ 月\$5

対照年齢：4才から9才レベルに照準を当てています。（あまり厳格とは言えません）

その他：日本語を話すお家の方の付き添いが必要です
問合せ：タカツ ミカ (jpclubinhamilton@hotmail.co.jp)

Kids Japanese

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 participating parents.

Organizer: Mika Takatsu (jpclubinhamilton@hotmail.co.jp)

Time: 2nd Sundays of each month, 10:30 to 12:00

Starting Date: Children can start any month of the year.

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

Age: 4-9 years old -APPROX

Other: Children have to be accompanied by a family member who is able to use Japanese,

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: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Postal

Code: _____ Telephone: _____ ax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

New Member Change of Address

Regular Membership \$ 15.00 Senior Membership \$10.00

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

If you attended the Keirokai 2014 Event please fill out this form and return it to the Centre.
Your feedback will help us make this a better event.

Keirokai2014 Feedback form

Please indicate: I am: (over 70) (under 70) performer _____ invited guest _____ volunteer _____

Please rate the following on a scale of 1-5

Keirokai is intended to recognize seniors in our community. How effective do you think this event is in recognizing these valuable members of our community?

How successful was Keirokai2014 in making our seniors feel valued and honoured?

Did you feel that the program length was effective?

Did you feel that program provided enough variety?

Did you like the variety and quality of the food?

Do you have any suggestions that we can use to make the event better?

Do you have any further comments to help make the event better in the future?

Should we continue to have an annual Keirokai or should we consider another event or another timeline (for example every other year)?

NAJC Update

As your Hamilton Chapter NAJC representative I was privileged to attend the NAJC AGM held in Vancouver from Sept 19-21. I was able to meet with NAJC members from across Canada. We elected a new National Executive Board and attended workshops relating to topics of interest to our chapter. The new national president is Bev Ohashi. Ken Noma the past president has become the new Executive Director of the NAJC.

We are always looking for new individuals to participate in our local Hamilton Chapter. We focus on national NAJC initiatives and local NAJC issues. Our major fundraising event is the annual book sale and membership drive held in conjunction with Christmas Bazaar here at CJCC. We co-sponsor the Keirokai and the annual community picnic. We work closely with the CJCC and our focus remains on the local community as well as any human rights issues that are local.

We will support any member who would like to apply for grants from the NAJC. The deadline for submissions for endowment fund applications is March 31. After many years of struggle to seek redress for the unjust treatment of Japanese Canadians by the Canadian government during and after World War II, the Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement was signed by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and NAJC President Art Miki, on September 22, 1988. The Redress Agreement acknowledged the unjust actions of the Canadian government and provided a symbolic redress for those actions. In furtherance of the purpose of the community redress payment, the Redress Foundation entrusted the NAJC to administer a Sports, Education, Arts Development (SEAD) and Cultural Development (CD) Programme. It is the intent of the Redress Foundation and the NAJC to ensure that the benefits realized from the Redress Agreement continue to benefit and enhance the development of the Japanese Canadian community and its members.


We are also encouraging any young people in the community to attend the next young leaders meeting in Victoria. We will be applying for funding if there is any interest in attending. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the national NAJC AGM next September.

Patti Simpson



Mon-Sun
11:30 AM - 10:30 PM

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Lunch: 11:00am - 3:30pm (Mon-Sat)
12:00pm - 3:30pm (Sun)

Dinner: 3:30pm - 10:30pm (Mon-Sun)



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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 6th, 2014

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Christmas crafts and decorations

Bake table

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

Everyone is welcome

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre

45 Hempstead Drive

Hamilton

(905) 383-5755

Vendor Tables \$40 for each Table. Please contact the Centre.

<http://hamiltoncjcc.ca>

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre of Hamilton

We are Seeking Donations for our Bake Sale Table

If you are able to donate baked goods please let us know via phone, email
h.cjcc@bellnet.ca

or by dropping off this form:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

I would be willing to donate these items to the bake sale: _____

(i.e. Cookies, cakes, pies, candies etc.)