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NEWSLETTER

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre

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President's Report:

Shin-nen Akemashite Omedeto Gosai Masu!

Happy New Year to everyone 2015 promises to be a very exciting year at the CJCC. I am Chris Hourmouzis-Takeda, newly elected to the President's position by our Board of directors.

Changes to the Board:

I would like to thank Mitchell Kawasaki for his many years as President. Under his direction programs grew, new programs have come to the Centre, and our debt situation is slowly improving. Mitchell is still on the Board as Past-President and Cultural Ambassador for the Centre. Mitchell has made some valuable ties with the Toronto JCCC and the Japanese Counsel-General's office in Toronto. I look forward to his help and guidance with the operations of the CJCC.

I'm pleased to introduce our new Board:

Executive:

Past President Mitchell Kawasaki
President Chris Hourmouzis
Vice President Geri McDonald
Executive Secretary Jacquie Wakabayashi
Executive Treasurer Joyce Wall

Directors:

Jason Baker
Ezio Contasti
Linda Hartley
Michel Vasquez
NAJC Representative Marlene Frazer

I look forward to working with everyone on the Board. We have great plans for the future.

I wish to thank the exiting Board members for their many years of service:

- ❖ Earla (Angie) Arner
- ❖ Doreen Morita
- ❖ Gord Derii

Improving Communications:

We have a number of goals for the Centre; some are long-term some are more short term. What we want to address immediately is to ensure timely and accurate information is communicated to our members. To support this, and to encourage greater use of the website, we will

work to have the CJCC website updated as soon as relevant information comes up. We will also make better use of social media. If you're on Twitter, please follow@CJCCHamilton. If you're on Facebook, please be sure to like our page - "Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre of Hamilton". We are also exploring other ways to increase awareness of the Centre, which I'll address more in next month's newsletter.

Need for Volunteers:

The CJCC is a registered charity that is almost fully run by volunteers. We are too dependent on a few people who quietly do an extraordinary amount of work, with little fanfare. We can't continue that way - we need more volunteers.

Please take a minute and think about what you can do. Can you paint? We have a lot of painting to be done! Flooring? We hope to replace the front area carpeting. Are you good in the kitchen? We need people for food prep and cooking, as we have a number of food events planned for the next year. Are you a "handy" person or a Tradesman? There are many things that need to be built, fixed or repaired at the Centre. Do you own a business or work for a company that could donate goods, building materials, printing services or anything else that the Centre could use directly

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In Memoriam

Our sympathies to families and friends of:

Takeko Baba

Roy Honda

Tamae (Sherry) Ishibashi

Akiko Kadonoga

James Jiro Kamibayashi

Esther Kuwabara

Mits Sonoda

Robert Tonegawa

Events Calendar

Monthly Fund Raising Dinner

February 21, 2015 Saturday at 6:00pm
Temaki Sushi (hand roll sushi)

Monthly Fund Raising Dinner

March 21, 2015 Saturday at 6:00pm Sukiyaki

NAJC AGM

March 1, 2015 6:00 pm at the CJCC

Keirokai 2015

April 19, 2015 * Please note date Change*

"Swords, Sake & Sushi" Book Launch

Saturday April 18th, 2015:

1:00-4:00 pm Sword Viewing

5:00-10:00pm Dinner and Presentation

CJCC Program Expo

Saturday & Sunday May 2-3 10am-2pm

This is a new event to promote all of the wonderful activities we do at the Centre, encouraging people to sign up for Fall classes

Get the most current news!
<http://hamiltoncjcc.ca/>
"Paypal" coming soon!

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Chiropodist/Foot Specialist

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Donations to Operations

In Memory of Umeo Nakano

Juneko Nakano
Dunstan and Nancy Griffin
Debra Katsumi
Miyo Sora
Ray and Nancy Sora
Laura Uyenaka
Leslie and William Wong
Julie and David Saxby
Larry and Mika Suyama
Meiko Bando
Frank and Susan Maikawa
Ian and Helene Maikawa
Eiji and Caroline Suyama
Misao Budo
Kathleen and Teruo Kiyonaga
Josie and Andy Shimizu
Betty Sonoda
Cathy and Dick Tanaka
Sue Tateishi

In Memory of James Kamibayashi

Sherry and Marianne Ishibashi

In Memory of Sherry Ishibashi

Joyce Wall

In Memory of Akiko Kadonaga

Tad Suzuki

In Memory of Roy Honda

Tad Suzuki
James and Terry Suenaga
Amy Glazar
Kimiko Hashimoto
Frances and Gary Campbell
Betty Sonoda
Masako Rose Uchida
Chiyoko Izumi
Sheila and David Knight
Kay and Nobby Suzuki
Hiroshima Kenjin Kai Ontario

In Memory of Esther Kuwabara

Shirley Smye
Maryka Omatsu
Chiyoko Izumi
Elizabeth and George Baird
Kimiko Hashimoto
Amy Glazar
Jennifer Kuwabara and Shane Chambers family
Ryan and Melisa Kuwabara family
Diane and Robert Kennedy
Laurie and Phil Barker
Tutomu Nakano
Anna Loughlin
Beverly and Chris Kawamura
Michael Kawamura
University of Toronto

Donations to Operations continued

In Memory of Takeko Baba

Tsutomu Nakano
James Koyanagi and Sherry Ishibashi

In Memory of James Miyasaka

Sheila and David Knight

In Memory of Mits Sonoda

Jim and Terry Suenaga

Golf Tournament Donation

Wally Fukumoto
Nick Medeiros

General Donation to Operations

Mark Honkawa
Nancy Griffin
Takeshi and Sherry Mototsune

Christmas Bazaar Donation

Sue Fujino
Kay Otaguro
Chris Hourmouzis

Ikebana Workshop Donation

Mary Hourmouzis

Donations to Fund Raising

Wagyu dinner donation:

Malcolm Suzuki

In memory of brother, James Honda:

Koji & Ruth Honda

In memory of Esther Kuwabara:

Ed Itakura
Kimi & Shoji Yano
Alan Itakura



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or use for Silent auctions at fund raising events to raise money for the Centre.

Even if you think your skills are not relevant to the Centre, we may have a need for them. Please email me chrisht.cjcc@gmail.com or call the Centre (905-383-5755) and let me know what you can offer the centre.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me directly. I can be reached via email chrisht@gmail.com, or you can call the Centre and leave me a message and your number so I can return the call. I don't always have all of the answers right away, but I will try to address any questions or issues anyone may have. We are all in the Centre together, let's all take part and if everyone did a little it would certainly go a long way.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Centre.
Respectfully Yours.

Chris Hourmouzis-Takeda

Ikebana for Spring 2015

Our Ikebana instructor, Linda Hartley is bringing back the Ikebana program for Spring.

The start date will be March 24, through May 26, Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

We would also like to see if anyone would be interested in attending the same class session on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Anyone interested can call or email Linda [905-548-6013](tel:905-548-6013), ldhartley83@gmail.com.

Ikebana Equipment Donations

If any members of the center have Ikebana equipment that they no longer use, would you consider donating them to the Centre or selling them to students? The need is for vases, kenzans, (pin holders) hasami, (Japanese floral scissors) and books. Please contact Linda if you have these items.

Fund Raising Report

Happy New Year Everyone!

I wish you all the best of health and prosperity in 2015. To all of the many kind and generous supporters the Fund Raising Committee wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for your support and generosity as well as your time and hard work!

We have had the catch basin in the back parking lot repaired. We have a list of other items that need to be attended to. Our building fund currently sits at \$27, 528. This includes the \$5,761 that we raised at the Wagyu Beef Event.

We are now focusing on our Monthly Dinners and our next Gala fund raising dinner is planned for Saturday, October 24, 2015. Please save the date, as we are planning another exciting evening with wonderful food, sake and wine and a Speaker we are working on confirming right now.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.
Jim Suenaga, Chair-Fund Raising Committee

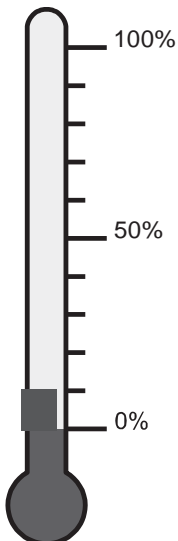
Our Fundraising drive continues as our rear parking lot is in need of repair and resurfacing. We are asking for your generous support for the Centre.

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 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.

Please forward your donations to the CJCC fundraising committee at the Centre. Please contact the Centre if you have any questions. 905-383-5755.

CJCC Driveway Drive



GOAL: \$69,999

Christmas Bazaar

We are pleased to report that the Christmas Bazaar netted \$2,854.66. We would like to thank the following for their volunteering for the event, those who provided goodies for the Bake table and those who donated to the Jar Raffle. Many thanks to everyone listed below!

Bake Table Donations

Jennifer Baker
Chloe Braersma
John Corr
Laura Dowling
Marlene Frazer
Jim Graef
Nancy Griffin
Linda Hartley
Ron Inouye
Susie Kondo
Carol Masuda
George Masuda

Geri McDonald
Barbel McGibbon
Ella McGibbon
Yuri Oikawa
Maya Rajasingham
Stacey Rayner
Victoria Renton
Dave & Vanessa Seto
Gwyneth Suzuki
April Takeda
Michelle Taylor
Gloria Vause

Volunteers

Hunter Alexander
Maddison Arner
Mckenzie Arner
Jason & Jennifer Baker
Roy Bowron
Skye Bowron
Frances Campbell
Laura Dowling
Sue Fujino
Amy Glazar
Jim, Sam & Jake Graef
Linda Hartley
Kim Hashimoto
Chris Hourmouzis
Pat Ikeda
Marianne Ishibashi
Nancy Jespersion
Mitchell Kawasaki
Erica Kawasaki
Satomi Kawasaki
Carol Katsura
Addie Keglevich
Susie Kondo

Carol Masuda
George Masuda
Geri McDonald
Geoff McDonald
Tak & Mary Nakamura
Stony Nakano
Sumi Nogami
Yuri Oikawa
Linda Pawlick
Stacey Rayner
Victoria Rerten
Carolina Rincon
Daniel Rincon
Kyle Saulnier
Irene Strum
Jim & Terry Suenaga
Kay Suzuki
Naomi Suzuki
April Takeda
Mickey Takeda
Marge Tanaka
Michel Vasquez
Joyce Wall
Shoji Yano
Tak Yano

Gourmet Cooking Class

Wednesday March 4th @ 7:00 pm in the CJCC Kitchen

This is an exciting opportunity to join Chef Ken Lefebour of "Nellie James Gourmet" in the CJCC Kitchen.

Chef Ken catered the wonderful meal we had at the Wagyu Beef Fundraising event.

He runs a "hands-on" class, where the entire group will participate in preparing, plating and enjoying the meal (sorry you will have to clean up too). You will need to bring a good kitchen knife, cutting board, apron and a couple of dish towels.

The Cost will be \$50.00 this includes food costs

Menu: **Appetizer:** *Piccione farm mushroom, cabernet reduction with artisan cheese*

Main: *Lobster Macaroni and cheese*

Desert: *Chocolate mousse with candied pecans*

Please contact the Centre 905-383-5755 or Jacquie Wakabayashi (jfwakabayashi@gmail.com) leave a message that you wish to attend and how many people. Seating is limited to 14 people.

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre & Hamilton Chapter: National Association of Japanese Canadians Invites everyone to attend

Keirokai 2015 A celebration honouring our seniors

Complimentary tickets for those age 70 year and over
Keirokai Honorees are those who were age 70 in 2014.
Please complete and return to CJCC by April 1, 2015

I will attend the Keirokai 2015 on April 19, 2015.

I require _____ complimentary tickets (age 70 and up)

I require _____ adult tickets age 20-69 \$ 25.00

I require _____ children's tickets under age 20 \$ 15.00

I was born in 1944 or 1945.

I would like to donate \$ _____.

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 (s) _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

The Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre, 45 Hempstead Drive, Hamilton, ON L8W 2Y6
For tickets and information, contact us at 905-383-5755

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.

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。

Attention All CJCC Key Holders

We are looking into changing our security system provider.

We need to be sure each key holder will have a new code and security ID#

Please contact the CJCC office via email
h.cjcc@bellnet.ca

or phone @ 905-383-5755

Please be sure to state what programs you are affiliated with and the door code you would like to use



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Hamilton Buddhist Temple

March 8, 2015 Sunday

11:00 am Spring Higan/
Shotsuki service



April 12, 2015 Sunday

11:00 am Hanamatsuri/
Shotsuki service

May 10, 2015 11:00 am Gotan
-e/Shotsuki service

**Namo Amida
Butsu**

June 21, 2015 11:00am Shotsuki service

www.hamiltonbuddhisttemple.wordpress.com

All Are Welcome!

Please RVSP if you plan to attend a service
905-549-4816

Now located at the CJCC

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12:00pm - 3:30pm (Sun)

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

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NAJC update February 2015

Happy New Year's to all. It has been a hectic time over the holiday season. I am sorry that we could not participate in the annual CJCC Christmas Festival. If anyone requires books on topics related to social justice or to Japanese themes please don't hesitate to contact us. We still have copies of origami paper and instruction books, Japanese children's stories including the newest Peach Girl and also books relating to the history of the Japanese Canadians and redress including the latest novels. If we don't have the book you require we can order it quickly for you from our supplier Nikkei Books.

We hope to see members attend the NAJC AGM on March 1st. We will have a book display at the AGM this year.

Please let us know how you enjoyed the picnic at our new site: Dundas Driving Park. We are planning this year's picnic and are hoping for the same venue but a different pavilion. If you haven't attended please consider coming this year. Parking and park admission are free so you only have to purchase your \$ 5.00 picnic ticket. Your ticket gets you a hotdog, drink, participation in the games and fukubiki. Bring your own bento supper and drink the complimentary green tea served at supper. Hope to see more of you come on August 9, 2015.

Please consider volunteering to help at our annual Keirokai on April 19th 2015. We always enjoy our senior members and appreciate them so much. Volunteering at this event makes being part of this community worthwhile.

Tai Chi beginners class returns!

We are please to announce that **Frank Marrazzo** is starting up a new Tai Chi program.

This is focused on beginners or those with less experience. More advanced students are always welcome too!

Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00-am to 11:30 am in the small Gym.

He does request that you have a CJCC membership, that can be arranged through his as well.

Please wear comfortable clothing and a pair of indoor shoes (not street shoes) or bare feet if you wish.

The fee is \$20.00 per month for CJCC Members.

For more information please contact Frank Directly at **905-930-9149**



NAJC News, the passing of Roy Honda (taken from NAJC eNews)

Roy Takumi passed away peacefully, with family by his side, on Monday, January 12, 2015 at Joseph Brant Hospital, in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of the late Kay Honda (nee Yamamoto). Loving father of Elaine (Doug) Ryoji of Richmond Hill, and Brian (Janice) Honda of Burlington. Giichan of Jack, Ben, Joe, and special grandpa of Robert, and Justin. Dear brother of Mike (Helen) Honda. Predeceased by his brothers Kiyoto (Masako), Mitsuo (Tama), sister Mary, sister-in-law Jean, and parents Genichi and Tami. Roy loved to be with family and will be dearly missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. He will be remembered for his quick wit, love of Hawaii and jazz, and was the #1 hockey fan of his grandsons. Roy and Kay Honda were staunch supporters of the NAJC during those critical redress years and afterwards. Both served the Hamilton Chapter of the NAJC and the Golden Horseshoe of Southern Ontario with distinction and will be sadly missed by the NAJC family.

Our condolences go out to the extended Honda family.

SWORDS, SAKE & SUSHI

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING JOINT EVENT

**THE JAPANESE SWORD SOCIETY OF CANADA &
THE CANADIAN JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTRE OF HAMILTON**

BOOK LAUNCH

“SWORD SMITHS OF THE KONGOBYOE SCHOOL“

THE WARRIOR MONKS OF CHIKUZEN

BY FRED FIMIO & LLOYD FLEMMING

THE JSSC WILL BE BRINGING A NUMBER OF THEIR SWORDS TO PUT ON DISPLAY
AND EXPLAIN THE ART AND SCIENCE OF THE KATANA

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE A NUMBER OF RARE JAPANESE SWORDS.

SATURDAY APRIL 18 AT THE CJCC

AFTERNOON SWORD VIEWING & MEET THE AUTHORS

10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

EVENING DINNER AND DEMONSTRATIONS 5:00-10:00 P.M.

THE EVENING EVENT:

SAKE TASTING BAR, A BENTO SUSHI DINNER FROM GINKO SUSHI &
DEMONSTRATIONS OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE SWORD

- ❖ A SHORT PRESENTATION ON THE NEW BOOK
- ❖ IAIDO—THE ART OF DRAWING THE SWORD
 - ❖ KENDO THE ART OF SWORD COMBAT
 - ❖ TAMESHIGIRI THE ART OF MAT CUTTING



COSTS

\$70.00 FOR DAYTIME VIEWING AND EVENING EVENT

\$60.00 FOR EVENING EVENT ONLY – SWORD VIEWING DINNER & DEMONSTRATIONS

\$10.00 FOR DAY EVENT SWORD VIEWING ONLY (\$5 FOR 12 AND UNDER)

FOR TICKETS 905-385-5755 OR H.CJCC@BELLNET.COM OR

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