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# NEWSLETTER

Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre

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## President's Report:

### Happy New Year

I would like to begin by thanking all those who volunteered and continue to volunteer in activities and special functions organized at our Hamilton Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre. I am particularly pleased with our Christmas Festival 2012 which netted about \$4,500.00 after all expenses were paid out. Once again special activities and functions such as the Christmas Festival cannot take place without a long list of dedicated hard working volunteers and donors. Thank you.

The Centre will be introducing several new Programs this spring. Japanese Children's activity Program, Yoga, and Zumba (exercise and dance fitness). Our newly established Iaido Program is progressing well and we look forward to several other new Programs prior to summer. If you know of other Japanese Programs please do not hesitate to contact the Board to let us know.

Please come out participate and get involved with the numerous programs and activities at our Centre. Please tell your friends and family and share in being members of the Centre.

All the Best in 2013 Year of the Snake.

In the Chinese zodiac, the Snake is listed after the Dragon, but its place and its significance as a symbol of worship is far less than that of the Dragon. It carries the meanings of malevolence, cattiness and mystery, as well as acumen, divination and the ability to distinguish herbs. In some places, people believe that a snake found in their court can bring delight. During Spring Festival, people like to paste onto their doors and windows the paper-cut 'Fu' character (happiness), combined with a snake twisting around a rabbit as a popular pattern indicating wealth.

#### Strengths:

They often have a good temper and a skill at communicating but say little. They possess gracious morality and great wisdom. They are usually financially secure and do not have to worry about money. They have tremendous sympathy for others and would like to take actions to help their fellow human beings. They are determined to accomplish their goals and hate to fail. Although they look calm on the surface, they are intense and passionate. They have a rich source of inspiration and understand themselves well. They are people of great perception. Women under the sign of the snake do well in housework but are irritable.

#### Weaknesses:

They are likely to be jealous and suspicious. They should be cautious about what they discuss with others, as it might cause them to lose friendship and opportunities. They tend to overdo things. They prefer to rely on themselves and have doubts about other people's judgment. They are courteous with polite manners, but they can be headstrong. They are fickle and usually have problems in relationships or marriage problems.

See you at the Centre.

Mitchell Kawasaki President

#### In Memoriam

*Our sympathies to families and friends of:*

Gordon Manabu Nagatakiya  
James Isao "Ace" Oikawa

## Events Calendar

### **Sukiyaki Dinner**

Saturday January 19 @ 6:00pm

### **Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Hamilton AGM**

Sunday January 20 12:00 noon-6:00pm

### **Japanese Cooking Class Shoji Yano** "Japanese Homestyle Cooking"

Saturday January 26 10:00am-1:00pm

### **Japanese Language for Kids 3-5**

Classes start January 27 10:30-12:00pm

### **Yard Sale**

February 16 9:00 am—2:00pm

### **Sukiyaki Dinner**

Saturday March 16 @ 6:00pm

### **Keiro Kai**

Sunday April 20, 2pm

Registration forms to follow

### **Golf Tournament**

Date to be announced for June

Registration forms to follow

Hamilton Family

### **Foot Care Clinic**

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### **Hamilton Buddhist Temple**

Minister presided services February 10,  
March 10, April 14m ay 12

Lay services (no Minister, video Dharma  
talk) February 24, March 24, April 26, May  
26

### **All are Welcome**

Please watch the CJCC Website on updates  
for Temple location in February



Namo Amida Butsu

Location to be Announced

## **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: every other Sunday  
10:30am to 12:00 noon

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、参加家族で作って上げていきます。

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。

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## Hamilton Bull Dogs Fund Raiser

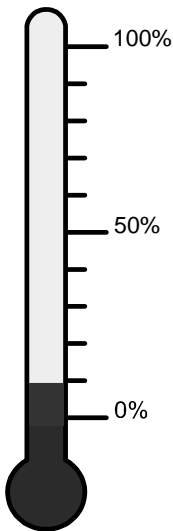
We had a Busy night at the Bull Dogs game on January 5th!

We broke even on ticket sales, and we sold the most "Chuck-a-pucks" since opening night (which was a sold out game). We were able to raise \$382 for the Centre. This money will go to the operations of the Centre.

A special Thank You to all of the Ladies who worked hard compiling the names for the "Master List" for the Chuck-a-puck.

We hope to do more fundraising with the Bull Dogs next year. We will need everyone's support to do so.

## CJCC Driveway Drive



**GOAL: \$69,999**

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 \$3007. Personal and Corporate donations will be gladly accepted. Thanks for your continued support.

Fund Raising Committee

Our Fundraising Drive continues:

Our driveway and parking lot are 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 plan to apply for a Trillium grant for the repairs but due to provincial economic pressures and a weak economy there is no guarantee we will receive the Grant.

## Donations to Operations

Yumiko Takeda

in memory of Gord Nagatakiya

Rev Donald Eustace In memory of Keiko

Karaoke Club in memory of Tosh Murakami

Tad & Kathleen Suzuki

in memory of Mas Ohata

Nancy Yoshimochi in memory of Shelia Kondo

Sue Fujino Christmas Bazaar Donation

Tamiko Hikida Christmas Bazaar Donation

Kay Otaguro Christmas Bazaar Donation

Yoshio & Fumiko Harada

Christmas Bazaar Donation

Ray Murase-Stewart

Christmas Bazaar Donation

Kay Otaguro Donation on

occasion of Granddaughter's Wedding

Diane Nishizaki

General Donation

Takashi & Nancy Kakamura General Donation

Bill and Polly Naruse

General Donation

Toki & Akira Matsubayashi

General Donation

April Takeda

General Donation

Richard Omatsu

General Donation

## Judo Silver at the Pan-American Judo Championship!

Congratulations to Daniel Kim for Winning Silver at the Pan-American Judo Championship.!

Daniel took Silver in the 44kg group in Mexico City at the Olympic Stadium . He was coached by Mitchell Kawasaki who was also there for the competition.

The quality of his competitors was truly World Class, The CJCC is very proud of his accomplishment.

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## Fund Raising Report

December 15, 2012

Dear Friends and Members

On behalf of the fundraising committee, we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Thank you for your continued generous support! We are proud and thankful for the many improvements and achievements made at the Centre in the last two years. Thanks to the dedicated progressive group of industrious Executive and dedicated Board of Directors. The work they have done is highly commendable. We look forward to a vibrantly active centre throughout the coming year.

As time takes its toll in wear and tear, maintenance seems never ending. The driveway and parking lot requires repair and repaving for which we have been quoted an estimate cost of about \$70,000 and were advised to have this done as quickly as possible for safety reasons. We started a special Driveway Fund Drive back in March of this year with an initial donation of \$1,000. To date we have in the Driveway Fund \$3007.00 and our regular fundraising account has \$8906.00 with a combined total of \$ 11,913.00.

We are making this special appeal for your generosity for this project. We understand the difficult times of today, especially for the seniors. However, at this point we are especially appealing to the Sansei and the Yonsei for help to maintain the ideals of the Issei and Nisei who started the Centre. We trust we can meet our goal as soon as possible through your kind generosity.

We have been showing a Japanese movie every second Sunday of the month at 2:00pm from September. Please plan to join us March 10 in the Lounge. The next

film title TBA.

The annual Fund Raising luncheon was held on October 28th, 2012 at the Foo Ho Restaurant in Burlington.

We had 48 participants and netted over \$2,200. The guest speaker, Ken Noma, spoke about the national NAJC and educated us on the many aspects of the traditional Japanese sword. We thank those who generously gave above the ticket price and those who were unable to attend but generously donated to the Centre:

Yosh & Aya Tonogai, Noji & Gracia Murase, Dr. Ed Naganobu, Jeff Naganobu, Sam & Sherry Mototsune

Our next Japanese Fundraising Dinner will be held on January 19th @ 6:00pm.

With kind regards and many thanks

Fundraising Committee

### Fund Raising Donors:

To celebrate the birth of their great grandson, Jake: George & Carol Masuda

To the Driveway fund:

Malcolm Suzuki  
Sho Suzuki

Koji & Ruth Honda  
In memory of brother, James Honda



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## Report on the Christmas Festival

The Christmas festival was a hit! The day was very well attended.

We raised approximately \$4500 that will go towards operation of the Centre.

Thank You to all who donated their time, expertise and goods for the silent Auction.

We hope to have even more for next years Festival.

The following volunteered in these categories. We hope we got all of the names. If we missed your name we apologize. We have a sign in sheet for all volunteers as we wish to acknowledge their contribution.

### Helpers in the "Workshop"

Nancy Fukumoto  
Amy Glazar  
Kim Hashimoto  
Joyce Hirasawa  
Pat Ikeda  
Marianne Ishibashi  
Flo Kadonaga  
Susie Kondo  
Chiyo Mahabir  
Diane Nishizaki  
Sumi Nogami  
Terry Suenaga  
Kay Suzuki  
Mickey Takeda  
Tak Tanaka  
Jean Tokiwa  
Aya Tonogai

### Baked goods

Kelly Kawamoto  
Margaret Tanaka  
Susie Kondo  
Amy Kawakami  
Jean Tanaka  
Kay Horibe  
Flo Kadonaga

Karen J  
Karen Knowles  
Rose Uchida  
Karen Uchida  
Mike Honda  
Carol Masuda  
Mary Nakamura  
Yurie Oikawa  
Laura Seki  
Joyce Hirasawa  
Nancy Fukumoto  
Terry Suenaga  
Marianne Ishibashi  
Gwyneth Suzuki  
Pauline Kajiura  
Sheila Knight  
Joan Browning  
Lilly Kitagawa  
April Takeda  
Marlene Fraser  
Miyoko Shimoda  
Mickey Takeda

### Volunteers

Kim Hashimoto  
Una Fusch  
Angie Arner  
Paul Arner

McKenzie Arner  
Maddison Arner  
Bradley Powell  
Bryan Powell  
Dimitri Knezvic  
Carolina Rincon  
Daniel Rincon  
Erica Kawasaki  
Satomi Kawasaki  
Tak Yano  
Shoji Yano  
Terry Suenaga  
Jim Suenaga  
Kay Suzuki  
Nancy  
Pat  
Bob  
Laura  
Bob Ishibashi  
Mickey Takeda  
Amy Glazar  
Susie Kondo  
Mary McCracken  
Carol Masuda  
George Masuda  
Fiona McAlpine

Joyce Wall  
Sue Fujino  
Chris Hourmouzis  
Tosh Oikawa  
Uhuri Oikawa  
Mary Nakamura  
Marianne Ishibashi  
Addie  
Griffin  
Diane Nishizaki  
Pat Ikeda  
Chiyo Mahabir  
Kay Suzuki  
Susie Kondo  
Stoney Nakano  
Tad Suzuki  
Doreen Morita  
Alina Fusch  
Amy Glazar  
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## Yoga now at the CJCC

We would like to welcome Mrs. Maki Kajiura as our Yoga instructor. She is originally from Japan but now makes Hamilton her home. This class promises to be a popular activity, as it will be taught from a Japanese-Canadian perspective.

Yoga Classes will begin Monday January 28 @ 7:30 in the Social/Sports room.

The price structure is to be announced once the classes begin.

Yoga can be adapted to all ages and abilities from beginners to expert.

Please come out and try a class, be sure to wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat and "blocks" if you have them.



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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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## New Board Members and Executive

The Board would like to welcome Patti Simpson as the NAJC representative on the Board as well as Doreen Morita, a long time volunteer at the Centre. We welcome back Angie (Earla) Arner, Nobuko McNie and Gord Derii.

We have elected our new Executive and the positions are as follows:

President: Mitchell Kawasaki  
Vice President: Chris Hourmouzis  
Executive Secretary: Mary McCracken  
Executive Treasurer: Ezio Contasti

The Board looks forward to a productive year. We are working hard to bring more programs and events to the Centre.

### February Yard Sale

We will have our next yard sale on Saturday February 16, 2013  
9:00am until 2:00pm.

We **are not** accepting any donations, but we will rent Tables for you to sell your own goods at \$40 a table.

### Zumba

We are offering Zumba Classes on Monday evening 7:00-8:00pm

Cost is \$60 for 10 classes  
(non members \$70 for 10 classes)  
Drop in fee is \$7 per class

It's a great, low impact and fun way to exercise! **All are welcome.**

### Pottery update

*Pottery classes are temporarily suspended.*

*We are actively seeking a new instructor. Please contact the CJCC if you wish to be notified when classes will resume or if you know of an Instructor that may be interested in teaching at the Centre.*

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