

Calgary Japanese Community Association

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ITOCHU FOUNDATION by Tomoko Button

CJCA Japanese Kids' Class (Culture for Kids) has been chosen by the Itochu Foundation for the 100 children's books subsidy program.

In May 2018, I was approached by Ms. Hayashi who is my friend and the greatest library volunteer at Calgary Japanese Language School when I was a library organizer at the school. She offered her expert knowledge of Japanese children's books when I was selecting Japanese books for the language school library. She has a background in promoting and selling Japanese children's books in Japan.

Ms. Hayashi is now attending CJCA Japanese kids' class with her child. While she was in charge of reading time, she noticed our centre's library has very small collection for children's books. Most of the reading time, parents were bringing a book from their home but some parents wished our centre's library carried a good collection of books for their children to borrow. Ms. Hayashi thought of the book subsidy program then. Again, she offered her expert knowledge selecting books with me. It took at least 2 weeks. There were 450 books to choose from. In June, the application was organized and sent.

In December 2018, I received an email from the foundation stating our kids' class was chosen for the subsidy program. There were 138 group applicants from all over the world and 75 groups were chosen.

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"By honouring and celebrating our ancestry, The Calgary Japanese Community Association will be a vibrant and inclusive organization that encourages and promotes our Japanese heritage, culture and legacy within the Nikkei Community and with all Canadians."
- CJCA Mission Statement



Calgary Kotobuki Society
(Calgary Japanese Seniors Club)
Invites You To The Annual

SAKURA TEA
Saturday, April 20, 2019
From 1:00 to 4:00 pm



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Your 2019 Omatsuri Festival Committee

President's Message by Roger Teshima

Although we are well into 2019, this is the first publication of the year so I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! The end of 2018 marked the close of the calendar year but it was just the midpoint of our term as directors. I wish to thank the members of the Board for their dedication to CJCA, and for their commitment to providing for the needs of our community association. As much as I cherish old traditions and customs, I recognize that things evolve and must change to accommodate the shifting mix within our community. We want to take the best of what we have had in the past, build on those experiences and open ourselves up to new ventures. Over the past month, I have spent a significant amount of time with my young grandchildren and they have shown me how quickly they are growing and changing. They are so adaptable. Many experiences are completely brand new to them and they soak it all in. Over the next few years, we will see many changes occurring in our community. We won't always be seeing the same people and we won't necessarily be doing things the same way as they once were done. In spite of our age, we are adaptable and we can, not only accept change but also embrace it as part of life. This month, some of the leaders of our community are meeting to engage in a dialogue about what those changes are and how we can prepare for them. The future of our community association and our Nikkei Centre may depend on what we do. If we work together, we can create a community that embraces diversity and change, and one in which we work in harmony with each other.

Committee members are busy gearing up for upcoming events this spring and summer, culminating in Omatsuri in August. There are exciting times ahead.



Read on...

President's Message cont'd...



CJCA 2019 AGM

WHEN: Sunday, April 28, 2019
TIME: 1:00 to 4:00pm

Mark this date and time on your calendar because The invitation has been extended to you.

DATE: Sunday, April 28
TIME: 1 pm

The initial planning started months ago and the process of putting things into place begins now.

Important Date: **Friday, March 29**

This is the deadline for submission of:

- Motions and items for discussion. *No motions will be accepted from the floor.*
- Nominations for the election of our directors.

Motions being presented at the meeting will be posted at the Centre along with the draft of the agenda.

These will also be circulated through a special email to be sent to our membership.

CONTACT: Roger Teshima

Itochu Foundation cont'd...

The 2 chosen groups were in Canada. One is us and the other is in Montréal.

The foundation will send us 3 boxes full of good Japanese children's books in March, 2019! I will ask NJCA's library committee to assist with the book process. Children and parents who visit our centre can start enjoy good Japanese children's books soon. I'll inform you as soon as those books become available!



Sansei: The Storyteller – Where Performance Makes History

by Paul Jetté

On Friday January 25th we had the opportunity to experience this solo performance by Mark Kunji Ikeda (above left) for the third time. Mark has teamed up with One Yellow Rabbit's High Performance Rodeo and was featured at the Lunchbox Theater with shows running from January 14 – 26. The first time we were exposed to *Sansei: The Story Teller* was in 2014 at the Calgary International Fringe Festival. Mark was also invited to perform at the CICA New Year's party at the Austrian Club in 2015.

Sansei started as an experiment with dance theatre and spoken word and has evolved into an artistic presentation that has had exposure nationally and has received multiple award recognitions. Mark weaves a story that is full of personal insights of his family's experience through the internment of his family during WWII. Throughout the presentation Mark explains that he is "not a very good storyteller" but it quickly becomes obvious that storytelling is something he's mastered through word, dance and by sparking the audience's imagination.

Through his performance, this third-generation Japanese-Canadian has exposed the experience of his grandparent's generation to a broad audience across the country, the show we attended was virtually sold out. The performance was an equal blend of history, drama and humour and, from the reaction of the audience, opened many eyes. While Mark is now moving on to other projects, he continues to be encouraged to tell this story to as many Canadians as possible and we'd love to see him keep it alive in front of many more so that we do not forget this part of Canada's history.



Tsumami Zaiku Workshop

by Joanne Terakita Planidin

Kaede no kai was fortunate to have one of the members of the Greater Vancouver JCCA facilitate a workshop in Calgary on the weekend of December 7th & 8th at the Nikkei Centre.

Mana Murata is a second generation Japanese Canadian with a unique knowledge of traditional Japanese handicrafts. She currently facilitates regular monthly workshops at the Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre in Burnaby, BC – Mana's Craft Corner. As a member of the National Young Leaders Council, the members of Kaede first met Mana in Ottawa and then again in Winnipeg at the NAJC AGM and Conference.

Tsumami Zaiku is the art of making unique floral designs from fabric. Traditionally fabric from antique Japanese kimonos were used to create these beautiful designs, but as the students soon discovered any and all types of fabrics such as cotton, polyester, and silk, are equally suited. These floral designs can be worn either as hair ornaments, or broaches, and embellishments for traditional Japanese clothing. Designs are not limited to flowers, anything imagined can be created.

Mana is fully bilingual and it was great to have the ability to offer the class in both English and Japanese. Over the course of the two days, there were 20 eager crafty individuals who participated.

From the quality and quantity of flowers produced, it was apparent that Mana is an excellent teacher. Everyone enjoyed the workshop so much that there is a strong demand for an intermediate class in the not too distant future. The Kaede Society hopes that this will be the first of many successful workshops. Thank you to all the participants and especially to Mana Murata for her time and expertise.

Bounenkai!

by Tomo Honda

What's that?

A Japanese Year-end Party! This was held on December 18, 2018 at CJCA. It was planned and hosted by Yosoka (Yosakoi team lead by Tomo Honda, right). It was open for public and CJCA members, new immigrants, students, people who are interested in Japanese culture, and all different kinds are gathered to simply enjoy the night and total 119, nearly capacity of the centre were gathered. Bounenkai, is a tradition in Japan which as small as simply gather with friends and families and drinks, bigger one, often held by companies includes entertainment and more, just like a Christmas parties here in Canada.



FOOD... We invited a chef, Kentaro Matsuura, the Consulate General's private chef to cook food for the event. Significant menu included Teriyaki Sanma, Kushi karaage, Kakuni etc. as it was year end, Ozoni (traditional soup) with mochi (rice cake) was provided for everyone to enjoy. **ENTERTAINMENT...** Yosoca collaborated dance with MRU taiko group as well as professional dancer sari from oriental dance studio. It started with kids taiko, then followed to yosakoi dance, and newly joined professional dance performed oriental theme dance to entertain the crowds. Besides the music show, a few high school students were invited to stage to compete with yosakoi team leader Tomo by eating Wankosoba (one cup soba) as entertainment. Including performers, over 20 are volunteered to the event.

Special thanks to all the sponsors who donated door prizes: *Foster Bakery, E-mart, Amandine Bakery, Kinjo, Shikiji and Big Catch.*



New participants welcome!



Mochi Party Thank You

by Ted Wada

It was a long day but a lot of fun. A big thanks to Taeko Nagao and all the volunteers.



by Shirley Shigematsu

The CJCA Board of Directors hosted the "Mingle Bingo" Volunteer Appreciation party at the Calgary Nikkei Cultural & Seniors Centre on November 4th, 2018. It is one of the few opportunities that the CJCA Board has to show its appreciation of each and every one of our volunteers.

As part of the Mingle Bingo theme, volunteers were given a Bingo sheet as soon as they arrived. Examples of squares on the sheet were someone who has danced Odori, someone who was born in Japan, someone who makes mochi, someone who participates in Ikebana. Volunteers had to find someone that matches the description on each square and have them sign the sheet. It was a great ice breaker for the volunteers to get to know other volunteers as well as some of the activities that go on at the Centre. Ted Wada organized the program that emphasized some of the activities that are held at the Centre such as line dancing and karaoke and had some of our volunteers participate. We were most honoured to have Consul General Shigenobu Kobayashi participate in karaoke as well as Gene Yamada, Ted and the Omikoshi group. We were also delighted to have not one but two "Elvis's" in the building..



This year the Volunteer Appreciation Committee wanted to recognize three volunteers who donate so much of their time and effort to make the Japanese Garden at the Centre something that we can be proud of. They work quietly behind the scenes without most of the community knowing that it is their efforts that keep the garden so beautiful and well kept. Special thanks to Stephanie Jacobson, Lynn Montgomery and Lee Sudrich who are truly Master Gardeners. We are so fortunate to have them in our community.

Since food plays a big part in bringing the community together to celebrate and socialize, an array of Japanese food was served. Thank you to Yukiko Moriya, Tomoko Button, Maureen Coleman, Wendy Mah Toy, Ruth Nagata, Grace Wada and Sandy Tanaka for putting together such a wonderful presentation.

Thank you to Roger Teshima, Harvey Tanaka, and Fong Louie who set up the Centre for the event, Masaye Tanaka who created the Mingle Bingo card and the thank you certificates and Russell Hironaka who did a wonderful job in creating the Volunteer Appreciation poster.

Congratulations to the volunteers who were lucky enough to win a door prize this year. Volunteers are the backbone of our community and CJCA could not function without them. Thank you to all of our volunteers and supporters. Hopefully this year's Volunteer Appreciation helped put the gratitude back into our attitude and that all of the CJCA volunteers enjoyed themselves and felt that volunteering for CJCA can be a fun experience. It was most fitting to end the party with the Tanko Bushi since it promotes a strong sense of community and solidarity.





Have a "senior moment" with us...



LONG-LIFE

SENIORS GROUP
WHEN: WEDNESDAY
STARTING:
JANUARY 9, 2019

Kotobuki-Kai Report by Tobie Sakamoto

Happy New Year to everyone! As we begin the "Year of the Boar" (Inoshishi) may everyone enjoy much happiness, good fortune and good health in 2019!!

On November 14th, 2018 our guest speakers were from the Kidney Foundation. Michelle Hofer, Heather Bilan and Tracy Zellar (the main speaker) who gave a very interesting power point presentation on kidney diseases. They also brought in numerous pamphlets and written information related to kidney diseases. This was a very appropriate topic for Kotobuki as some of the risk factors for kidney disease include: high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, for older age groups or if you are of Asian descent. Thank you to Ted Wada for the great job in translating the presentation and the medical terminologies in Japanese. Also many thanks to Maureen Coleman for organizing this timely workshop for Kotobuki members which was very informative..



On November 28th Kotobuki held their AGM with 66 members present. Our President Kathrine Nugent addressed a number of issues that were brought up regarding Sakura Tea, programming, and our aging membership. There were some recommendations discussed which will be addressed and resolved in smaller groups. New members elected to the Board, were Julie Kamitakahara and Yuri Delisle. Kathrine welcomed the two new members to the Board. Retiring from Board was Tom Uyeno and Kathrine thanked Tom for his years on the Board as a director. Kathrine also thanked Dan Ichii and Lorraine McNeill for their many years of looking after the scheduling and programming which will now be done by the Toban Groups, and chaired by Grace Wada and with Aiko Furuya typing the monthly schedules.

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On December 5th 2018 we held our Special Birthday and Special Anniversary luncheon at the Centre with sandwiches from the Co-op and a beautifully decorated cake from Amandine. Thank you to Toban D and Special Events. Consul General Kobayashi honored us by his visit and he also entertained us with several Karaoke numbers which everyone enjoyed, thank you to Consul General Kobayashi. Also seventeen Kotobuki members entertained and provoked a lot of laughter with their rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas under the direction of Ted Wada. Following the luncheon, the cake cutting and pictures, Dick Sugama, a friend of Shig Tamikado's, sang "Wonderful Canada", (in Japanese) and promised to bring his Okinawan instrument the Sanshin next time. He explained that Sanshins are made with snakeskin unlike the Shamisen which are made out of catskin.



We also had some special guests from Nova Scotia passing through, Tommomi Suyama and her husband Kyota who plan to relocate to Calgary. Tommomi-san performed an Ethiopian-style dance (belly dance?) which she would like to teach in Calgary. This was certainly a very enjoyable day!

December 12th was our annual Christmas Buffet luncheon at the Grey Eagle Casino and Resort with 92 members in attendance. Thank-you to Ruth Nagata for organizing the luncheon and for looking after the shuttle transportation for our members with mobility issues. Also thank-you to Special Events and Toban D. Very special thank-you to Kathrine for all the special treats for everyone!

Following the Luncheon Kotobuki was on Xmas break until January 9th, 2019.

Kotobuki resumed on January 9th with Mix and Mingle, everyone enjoying being back to Kotobuki and exchanging stories about their holiday festivities. We then enjoyed a delicious Ozoni lunch prepared by Masa Yokoyama, kimpila gobo by Ted Wada, takuwan by Nancy Kondo and rice prepared by Grace Wada. Thank-you to Masa, Ted, Nancy, and Grace! Also thank-you to Toban A and Special Events for the delicious

New Year's luncheon treats!!

On January 20th, 2019, thirty-five Kotobuki members attended Stage West for a delicious buffet luncheon and enjoyed the musical, "Jersey Boys", the story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. Thank-you to Ted Wada for arranging this outing.



On January 23rd we had a cooking demo of "Date Maki" by Chizuko Inou, assisted by Rev. Tom and Kate Horiuchi, an egg roll which originated from the city of Date in Japan, made with "Kibun Hanpen", (boiled fish cakes) and eggs, which was baked and then rolled like a jelly roll and sliced. We all got to sample the delicious egg roll served with sweetened shiremen jaco and walnuts. Thank-you to Chizuko-san and her able assistants for this very interesting and tasty demo.

On January 30th, we enjoyed a delicious bento from, Redheads Japa Cafe. We also enjoyed a delicious cake from Amandine Bakery in memory of Eiji Nishihata, thank-you to Chiyoko-san! Also thank-you to Toban A.



January 30th, the Yoga class was cancelled but we were fortunate to have Salsa dancing with Tomomi Suyama instead. Thank you to Ted Wada for organizing. It was a fun way to get our exercise.

Plans are for "Curry Rice" lunch on February 13th for Valentine. Thanks to Toban B and Special Event.

Kotobuki's "2019" Events

Saturday, April 20, 2019
"Sakura Tea"

Wednesday, June 12, 2019
"25 Year" Pin Presentation

Wednesday June 26, 2019
"Final meeting" before summer break.

Wednesday, September 11, 2019
"Resume after summer break."

Wednesday, November 27, 2019
"Kotobuki AGM"

Wednesday, December 4, 2019
"Birthdays & Anniversaries"

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
"Grey Eagle Luncheon"
followed by Christmas break.





- Survival of the Fittest

by Cindy Nagata-McMillan

Imagine the exciting prospect of starting a brand new life in a foreign country without the benefit of a safety net at the young age of 25. The proprietors of Nippon Travel, Kenji and Mikiko Saito immigrated to Canada in 1980 and 1981, respectively. They were drawn to the mountains and lifestyle that Canada has to offer, but most importantly, living in the land of opportunity for business prospects.

Kenji was born in Kanagawa prefecture to a family of three siblings. Mikiko was born in Niigata prefecture to a family of four siblings, her family relocating to Tokyo during her youth. Kenji and Mikiko met while both studying at Nihon University in Tokyo – Mikiko enrolled in drama, and Kenji studied script writing. Following university, the two worked at a series of jobs - Mikiko worked for a popular magazine company and Kenji found employment at a sporting goods company. Kenji's employer then sent him on a life changing opportunity to work temporarily in Los Angeles, California. Eventually Mikiko ventured from Japan to Los Angeles, with the intent of studying English. In America, Mikiko and Kenji rekindled their friendship and began a romantic relationship. In 1978, they returned together from Los Angeles to Japan where they were soon married. The couple missed the North American lifestyle, and took a huge leap of faith, moving to Canada. Kenji quickly found employment at Yamaha Golf-Car Company and obtained his Mechanic license. To supplement their income, he also led tours from Banff and Lake Louise for Japanese tourists and saw the potential for the pair to start their own travel company, as there were no Japanese speaking travel agencies at the time. Hence Nippon Travel was born in 1982. Neither of the Saito's had any experience running a company, and through sheer will and determination jumped in with both feet to start their own company at the age of 27!

The Saito's have come a long way since the early days, where Mikiko briefly worked at a travel agency to gain experience for running their own travel company. Once their company was born, Kenji thought it prudent to take business classes in both Accounting and Taxation to better serve their new business needs. Imagine hand writing air tickets, phoning the airlines, hotels, and ground transportation service companies to organize reservations – all without the benefit of computers. Their lives were simplified in 1983 when the International Air Transport Association (IATA) offered certification programs for travel agents and computers became a necessity to run a successful travel company.

As Nippon Travel currently celebrates its 37th anniversary this year, Mikiko and Kenji employ five people in Calgary and one in Edmonton. Mikiko is now enjoying some of the fruits of her many years of labour, being semi-retired as of June 2018, returning to the office only to backfill vacationing employees and attend meetings. She now has more time to travel, break bread with friends and enjoy yoga, golf and winter sports. Kenji still has a hand in the operations, managing the books for their business and spending time skiing, golfing, curling and winter sports.

Aside from running their own business, the couple have three phenomenal sons: Shinpe, age 35, residing in London, England as a student of Law. (Shinpe was an investment banker in Tokyo for ten years and just recently returned to University.) Yosuke, age 32 resides in Calgary and is currently attending SAIT, in the field of Computer Science. He also holds a degree in Psychology from the University of Alberta. Keita, the youngest son, age 28 resides in Tokyo and is employed by Google. Ladies, great news – all of the Saito sons are currently bachelors!

The Calgary Japanese Community Association have been the fortunate recipients of the tremendous generosity of Nippon Travel over the years, where the Saito's have donated many trips to Japan for New Year's parties. Mikiko also served on the Board of the Calgary Japanese Community Association for two terms and was recognized with an award by the National Association of Japanese Canadians. We wish the Saito's continued success with Nippon Travel, which has been five-star rated for their exceptional service and track record as travel agents for Japan and South Asia. Arigato Mikiko and Kenji



NorthWest Foot Clinic —Keeping Dancers Dancing!

by Cindy Nagata-McMillan

Podiatrist and ballet enthusiast, Dr. Eureka Nakai, a Nisei, was born in our fair city to parents, Shigeko and Satoshi Terashima. Combining her passion with an amazing skillset with over thirty years of experience provides Eureka with a unique opportunity to fulfill her dreams for keeping dancers "on their toes"!

In their early twenties, Shigeko and Satoshi Terashima were married in Nagoya, Japan, and within a month, Satoshi boarded a plane to Calgary with the intention of completing a three-year helicopter mechanic work program with Bell Helicopter Textron. Satoshi acquired the skills of his trade from the Japanese military. Four months later, Shigeko joined Satoshi in Calgary. Upon completion of his work program, the Terashimas concluded that Canada provided the best future for them and applied for immigration status. They raise a family of two phenomenal daughters, Eureka and Kay. Shigeko also decided to share some Japanese culture with those in the community by teaching the Japanese Tea Ceremony and Ikebana from their residence. The Terashimas provided a solid foundation for their girls, Eureka and sister Kay.

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NorthWest Foot Clinic cont'd...

The family also returned to Japan for a brief period of time, and the girls were fortunate to have the opportunity to live in Tokyo from 1980, and attend Seisen International, where they both graduated high school.

From the age of five, Eureka had a passion for the graceful performance dance art of ballet. As a child she began to train and perform, continuing on into adulthood and became well known within ballet circles. When her father, Satoshi was diagnosed with cancer, Eureka had an epiphany and determined that medicine was a noble profession. Combining her love for dancing and her respect for the profession of medicine, she decided that she could best make a difference for dancers by entering the profession of podiatry. Eureka graduated from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Science degree in Botany, further attended Rocky Mountain College, and eventually delved into podiatric studies at the Dr. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago. Upon her graduation in 1997, she completed the second year of her podiatric surgical residency in Chicago at St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital and Medical Center. She met and fell in love with Brian Nakai, a student of optometry, while attending podiatry school in Chicago. The two married there and returned to Calgary in 1998. Upon their return, Eureka formed a partnership with two other podiatrists, to join the Northwest Foot Clinic. Eureka continues to fulfill her passion for dance by being affiliated with the school for Alberta Ballet and several other ballet schools, as well as the Wild Rose Dance Association in Red Deer. She is widely sought after for general foot health screening, routine foot health care and providing specialized care when dancers suffer from injuries. Husband Dr. Brian Nakai is currently a practicing optometrist at the Brentwood Eye Clinic. The couple are blessed with four children; twins Abigail and Esther (age 14), Bethany (age 13) and Isaiah (11), and indeed have a busy household to maintain.

Lovely Dr. Nakai is a five-star rated podiatrist and well known at Kotobuki-kai for her generosity of spirit that she has displayed since 1998. Because a number of seniors have been unable to travel to Dr. Nakai's office, Eureka has been kind enough to find her way to them once monthly while Kotobuki meets, to ensure that they receive the foot care that they need.

Thank you Dr. Nakai for your generosity over the years and taking care of our wonderful seniors, who have blazed a trail for us all!

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Calgary Buddhist Temple Update for February by Laura Sugimoto

Upcoming special services:

February 17: Parinirvana/Nirvana Day.

This is a Jodo Shinshu/ Mahayana Buddhist service that marks the death of the Buddha. It is known as either Parinirvana or just Nirvana Day. Buddhists celebrate the death of the Buddha, because having attained Awakening, he achieved freedom from physical existence and its sufferings. The Buddha's death came when he was eighty years old and had spent forty years teaching after his Enlightenment. He died in a state of meditation, and attained nirvana, a release from the cycle of death and rebirth.

March 24: Higan Services. Higan means 'reaching the other shore of (awakening)'. It is a service of reflection and renewal. Traditionally held on or near the equinox when day and night are of approximately equal duration all over the planet.

April 7: Hanamatsuri. According to Buddhist tradition, Prince Siddhartha Gautama (Sakyamuni Buddha), the son of King Suddhodhana and Queen Maya, was born on 8 April, 566 B.C. in the garden of Lumbini, in present day Nepal. Flowers decorate a statue of the Buddha and the Sangha is invited to symbolically pour sweet tea over the baby Buddha statue, recreating the legend that at birth, a gentle perfumed nectar rain fell from the sky bathing the baby Buddha. Service will be followed by lunch.

April 14: Calgary Buddhist Temple AGM at 11:00 am.

April 21st: Socho (Bishop) Aoki from Vancouver will be conducting a sarana (affirmation) services.

May 26: Keirokai and Gotan-ye.

Keirokai is a yearly event honouring our members who are 'Keiro', that is, our senior, experienced Sangha members. Gotan-ye is the celebration of birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Shinran Shonin was born on May 21, 1173. Gotan means birth and Ye means gathering. Service will be followed by lunch.

The first Sunday of each month is Shotsuki, a monthly memorial service to honour and remember loved ones who passed away in that month. This service is now being followed by tea and light refreshments. We encourage all seniors to attend; rides can be organized if needed.

All services start at 10:00 am on Sunday.

During the months of March and May, there is a service every Thursday night at 7:30 pm. During the month of April, this will be replaced with Buddhism 101 classes.

The 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention

Theme: LIVE THE NEMBUTSU

Dates: **August 30 –September 1, 2019**

Location: San Francisco, California

Sponsored by: The World Federation of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women's Associations

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IN MEMORY

The Calgary Nikkei community is saddened by the passing of:



KATSUTA, Martha
November 1939 -
December 2018

Martha was born in Vancouver, B.C. and was John & Misa Katsuta's only child. The Japanese family was forced to move to Raymond, Alberta in 1942. Martha attended school in Raymond and after graduation attended Montana State University in Missoula, Montana. On graduation Martha worked for Eaton's in Lethbridge, Department of Justice in Ottawa and the United Nations from 1964 to 1995 in the Division of General Assembly Affairs. She retired to Kelowna, B.C. and knew how fortunate she was to be living in the Okanagan valley after seeing all the suffering, poverty and destruction in other countries that have so many political, economic and social problems.

Martha has established an endowment fund with the Central Okanagan Foundation for the support of women and children around the world. She has also supported a room in JoeAnna's House with the Kelowna General Hospital and helped support a soup kitchen in New York run by the sisters at Fraternite Notre Dame. She had a wonderful sense of humor and accepted her fate with apraxia, her only complaint was "Getting old sucks!"

Martha, always frugal, requested that final expenses be minimal, that she be cremated with no service and her ashes placed beside her parents in Raymond. In lieu of any flowers or cards, donations may be made to any charity of your choice.



NISHIHATA, Eiji
February 8, 1928 - Vancouver, BC
December 4, 2018 - Calgary, AB

Ondokusan

*Nyo rai dai hi no on do ku wa
Mi o ko ni shit e mo ho zu be shi
Shi shu chi shi ki no on do ku mo
Ho ne o ku da ki te mo sha su be shi*

Eiji Nishihata of Calgary, Alberta passed away on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the age of 90 years. Eiji Nishihata is survived by his wife, Chiyoko Nishihata; Son Jimmy Nishihata; Grandsons Corey and Jasey Nishihata. Eiji was predeceased by brothers, Sam, Kiyoshi, Ian. Funeral Services were held at Calgary Buddhist Temple on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Condolences may be forwarded through www.mcinnisandholloway.com



TANIGUCHI, Chris

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of CHRIS TANIGUCHI, who died peacefully in her sleep with family by her side, at St. Michael's Health Centre – Palliative Care Unit on Monday December 24, 2018 at the age of 60 years.

She will be lovingly remembered by her sons, Ryan Span & Cody (Ashley) Span of Raymond, grandchildren Ryland, Maysen & Olyvia, her son, Landon Span (Julie Johnson) of Taber and grandchildren Cole & Natalie Span.

Chris will be dearly missed by her sister Peggy (Don) Kenyon of Coaldale, nephews Jason (Kerri) Kenyon of New York, Kira & Carter, Jeremey (Larissa) Kenyon of Coaldale, Isabelle & Branson, Jamie (Jessica) Kenyon of Coaldale and Lucas & Gabriel, as well as her special friend, Christina Mooney of Imperial, SK and her dog, Nikki.

Chris was predeceased by her parents, Bill & June Taniguchi, aunts and uncles, Grace & Bunk Odagaki, Ruth & Gord Laurie, Sally & Yagi Kaga, Tom Kaga, Tad Koyanagi and Sammy Sameshima, cousins Keith Kaga, Carol Kaga and Craig Odagaki, as well as her grandparents on the Konno and Taniguchi side of the family.

Chris was born and raised in Taber. She moved to Imperial, SK where she lived for the past 12 years.

Chris was an avid golfer in her younger days, representing Alberta in the Junior Girls National Championship. She enjoyed teaching golf lessons and won many tournaments in Alberta. She was also an avid fisherman and loved nature. In the past 12 years of Chris' life, she found herself at peace. She planted an amazing garden each year and would share the vegetables and raspberries she had harvested.

We would like to send a special thank you to Dr. John Geers of Coaldale for his excellent care, the nurses in Palliative Care for their kindness and caring and to all the family and friends that made numerous trips to visit Chris. She enjoyed the visits greatly.

A Service of Remembrance was at Cornerstone Funeral Home, Lethbridge, AB on Saturday, January 5, 2019.

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IN MEMORY

Continued...



NAKAMURA, Dick Yoshio
May 11, 1924 - October 8, 2018

It is with deep sadness that our family announces the passing of Richard (Dick) Yoshio Nakamura. Dick is survived by his four children Richard (Lily Jer-Nakamura), Joanne (Mitch Rollins), Janice (Kerry Wadsworth), Lisa (Andrew Sewell); grandchildren Carmen Rollins (William Vigil Oliver), Sarah Rollins (Marc Foucher), Kerice Wadsworth, Elliot and Hideki Sewell; his sisters Toshiko Nagata, Tamiko Hasegawa and many dear nieces and nephews. Dick was predeceased by his wife Anne Nakamura, his parents Yuki and Jukichi Nakamura and his brother Kayo Yamamoto.

Dick was born in Comox, BC and grew up in Surrey where his family farmed strawberries until 1942 when Canadians of Japanese heritage were forcibly removed from the coast. The Nakamura family was moved to southern Alberta, where they laboured on a sugar beet farm. Dick joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1948 and trained as a photographer. In 1954, Dick married Anne Ayako Maeno in Lethbridge and the following year moved to Regina where they raised their family. In Regina, Dick worked for the Government of Canada's Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) and was a member of the Regina Rifle Regiment. Early retirement to Victoria in 1979 produced exciting opportunities to work for Tourism BC, to be the Protocol Officer for BC Ferries during Expo 86 and to serve the Royal Canadian Navy as a liaison with the Japanese Naval Self Defense Force Training Squadron's Pacific tours.

Family, fishing and service were central to Dick's life. He was a dedicated husband, Dad, Grandpa, Uncle and friend. He was very proud to have served in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Navy, militia, and the public services of both Canada and British Columbia.

Dick was an active organizer and leader in the broader community and the Japanese Canadian community. He was deeply committed to Victoria's sister city relationship with Morioka, Japan.

Dick believed strongly in the importance of family and of enhancing communities and futures through improved human rights and race relations and through building bridges between Canadian and Japanese people and cultures. The recipient of numerous awards, he was made an Honorary Citizen of the City of Victoria, awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, Japan's Order of the Rising Sun and Morioka's Bridge Over the Pacific Prize. A natural extrovert and optimist, he loved a good meal, people to talk to, a new project to develop or any opportunity to fish.

Many thanks to the wonderful nurses and staff at the Lodge at Broadmead, who provided Dick with excellent care. A celebration of life was held on Sunday, October 28th, 2018 from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm at the Beach House Restaurant, 5109 Cordova Bay Road, Victoria BC. In lieu of flowers or koden, please consider supporting the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society, the Victoria-Morioka Friendship Society, the Nikkei National Museum or the Broadmead Care Society.



WATANABE, Yumiko
May 1949—December 2018

Yumiko Watanabe passed away on December 8, 2018. She was born in Yamanashi, Japan on May 1, 1949.

Yumiko came to Canada in 1973 and was joined by her mother Yuki in 1982, living a happy life together the past 36 years. She was baptised as a Christian in 1981. Yumiko worked at the Consulate-General of Japan in Edmonton and Calgary for thirty years, where her hard work, dedication and compassion helping the Japanese community in the Prairies earned the respect of many. She will also be lovingly remembered for her kind heart, positive attitude and her many talents. Yumiko will be greatly missed by all who knew her. *1 Thessalonians 5:16-Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus Concerning You.*

Yumiko is survived by her mother, Yuki. She was predeceased by her father, Shoichi and her brother, Akichika. A Celebration of Yumiko's life was held at Calgary Crematorium Chapel on December 15, 2018.



TESHIMA, Robert
June 15, 1937 – Vancouver, BC
August 27, 2018 – Calgary, AB

Robert Kazuo Teshima of Calgary, AB, passed away on August 27, 2018 at the age of 81 years. Robert worked at the University of Alberta until he moved to Calgary in 2014. He enjoyed playing duplicate bridge and was an avid sports fan, supporting the Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns, and Edmonton Eskimos.

Robert is survived by his brother-in-law, Mike Kitagawa; niece, Susan Kitagawa of Calgary; nephews, John and Carmen Teshima, Paul and Tammy Teshima, and Nikolai and Anita Teshima, all of Toronto. The family would especially like to thank Roger Teshima for looking after all of Robert's medical appointments.

Robert was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Ikuko Teshima and sister, Amy Kitagawa.

A private family service will be held. In Lieu of Koden and flowers, the family would appreciate if you kept them in your thoughts. Condolences may be forwarded through www.mcinnisandholloway.com.





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NJCA 2019

FAMILY & KIDS EVENTS

Subject to Change (V.2)

NJCA 2019 Event Schedule

2月2日(土) February 2 nd (SAT)	2:30 ~ 4:30pm	豆まき Mame-maki
3月3日(日) March 3 rd (SUN)	1:00 ~ 3:00pm	子供ひな祭りパーティー Kid's Hina-matsuri Party
4月14日(日) April 14 th (SUN)	12:30 ~ 1:30pm	NJCA 総会 NJCA AGM
5月26日(日) May 26 th (SUN)	10:00am ~ 4:00pm	着物フェア Kimono Fair
6月9日(日) June 9 th (SUN)	12:00 ~ 3:00pm	子供フリーマーケット Kid's Stuff Flea Market
8月25日(日) August 25 th (SUN)	10:00am ~ 2:00pm	運動会 Sports Day
9月15日(日) September 15 th (SUN)	1:00 ~ 3:00pm	お月見弁当販売 Otsukimi Bento Sale
10月20日(日) October 20 th (SUN)	10:00am ~ 3:00pm	フリーマーケット Flea Market
11月17日(日) November 17 th (SUN)	11:00am ~ 3:00pm	クラフト&フードバザー Craft & Food Bazaar
12月15日(日) December 15 th (SUN)	1:00 ~ 3:00pm	子供クリスマスパーティー Kid's Christmas Party

NOTE: Above events are subject to change and will be announced beforehand. Events may be cancelled if not enough participants. Please contact us to sign up.

Website: www.njcocalgary.ca Sign-up: order@njcocalgary.ca

WEB Calendar: <https://teamup.com/ks9d5aa2c7a7c50e37>



Computer Classes

SATURDAY/SUNDAY (Twice a month)

WHEN: First Saturday and Third Sunday
 STARTING: January to June/September to December
 TIME: 1:00 to 4:00 pm
 Classes are intended for beginner to mid-level users.
 FEE: "Free" for CJCA/NJCA Members!

You can participate if you:

Are planning to start using a computer/internet/e-mail? Want to improve your computer skill - want to learn how to use applications (Excel, Word, Photo-editor, etc.) - have a question (hardware, software, iPad, PC, printer, trouble, etc.)? Don't have a computer but want to try anyway? (Student computers are available.)

Maximum 4 students at a time.

TO "RESERVE" YOUR SPOT, CONTACT:

Friendly Instructor: Alex Nagao at 403.390.0285 or nagaoa@telus.net
 You can check the class schedule at:

<http://teamup.com/ks9d5aa2c7a7c537>



Nihongo Time

SATURDAY

Japanese Conversation (NJCA)

WHEN: Year-round
 STARTING: September
 TIME: 10 am to noon
 Members: \$7.50/Drop-in: \$9.00
 CONTACT: Taeko
 403.650.7634 or ntaeko@telus.net



Taeko (left)



Poco A Poco Choir

SATURDAY

First & Third Saturday (NJCA)

An amateur choir group singing Japanese songs.
 Looking for new members!

STARTING: Year-round

TIME:

First Saturday 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Third Sunday 10:00 am - Noon

CONTACT: Taeko



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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mai Nagao Mulhern at

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Children Activities



Culture for Kids

THURSDAY/FRIDAY

(Japanese culture for children under age 6.)

STARTING September

TIME: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

For detailed schedule/fee information.

CONTACT: Taeko

403.650.7634 or japanesekidsclass@gmail.com



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book collection!



Kids Hina-Matsuri

KIDS HINA-MATSURI PARTY

Hina-Matsuri is a special "Girl's Day" that is celebrated in Japan by displaying Hina-dolls and enjoying good food with friends and family. We have crafts for kids and tasty treats for everybody to enjoy.

DATE: Sunday, March 3, 2019

TIME: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 (Members) / \$7.50 (Non-members)

EVENT DETAIL: Hina-Matsuri themed craft & snack time

What to bring: Please bring safety scissors for the children to use for crafts. Other stationeries & materials will be provided.

Sign-up by: Friday, March 1, 2019 by contacting order@njcocalgary.ca or 403. 650.7634



Kids Flea Market

KID'S STUFF FLEA MARKET

DATE: Sunday, June 9, 2019

TIME: 12 to 3 pm

FEE: Watch for details!

TO REGISTER, please contact CJCA at cjcamain@shaw.ca



Kids Camp

KIDS SUMMER CAMP (CJCA)

(Ages: 4-6 years.)

Play & Learn Japanese craft, song and more!

DATE: Summer 2019

TIME: TBA

FEE: TBA

TO REGISTER: Please contact CJCA at

cjcamain@shaw.ca

Parents' observation & volunteers are welcome!





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NAJC President's Message for February 2019

by Lorene Oikawa

By the time you read this, we will know if Warton Willie (Warton, Ontario), Shubenacadie Sam (Nova Scotia) or Fred la marmotte (Quebec) have seen their shadow on February 2, Groundhog Day. If they do then we are told we will have six more weeks of winter and if they don't then spring will arrive early. While it lacks scientific rigour, it does make for a fun tradition.

Japanese have their own traditions including Setsubun on February 3rd. This annual event is usually held at schools and homes with little children. The father or a teacher puts on an oni mask and pretends to be an ogre or devil. The kids chase him and throw roasted soybeans at him. They say "Oni wa soto!" [Ogres out!] and after getting rid of him they throw soybeans from outside to inside saying, "Fuku wa uchi!" [Good luck inside!]

January was a busy month. A couple of highlights. I joined the new Consul General of Japan in Vancouver Takashi Hatori and members of the Japanese Canadian community at a New Year's celebration including "breaking" open a cask of sake. I also had the honour of witnessing Mary Kitagawa receive the Wallenberg-Sugihara Civil Courage Award. Mary, a recipient of the Order of British Columbia, is a Japanese Canadian leader who has done so much to raise awareness of the history of Japanese Canadians and to right the wrongs of racism. When she shares her account of being a young child during the Second World War and seeing her father being taken away from the family, it's such a heart wrenching story which allows others to understand the trauma faced by those who were interned.

One of Mary Kitagawa's achievements was to persuade the University of British Columbia to recognize 76 Japanese Canadian UBC students who were unjustly removed in 1942. In 2012, the surviving students and other students represented by family members received honorary degrees.

I have a personal connection to the story. I was helping gather signatures for a petition to lobby UBC. Mary and her husband Tosh Kitagawa had prepared a list of names of the 1942 UBC Students and shared it with me. I saw one name and wondered if it could be my Uncle Ted, my mom's cousin Ted (Teruo) Harada. It was my turn to do a bit of research with my family and I discovered it was Uncle Ted. Unfortunately he wasn't able to attend the ceremony because of his health and he asked me to receive his degree. I wore the cap and gown just like when I received my degree except this was a historic moment. The whole place burst into applause and tears when the surviving students made their way across the stage. I was so glad that Uncle Ted was able to watch the live stream of the ceremony.

Mary's award was given to her by the Wallenberg-Sugihara Civil Courage Society which was formed by members of the Swedish and Jewish communities and recognizes individuals who at personal risk have helped to improve or save the lives of others by working against unjust laws or protocols. The award pays tribute to Raoul Wallenberg and Chiune Sugihara.

Raoul Wallenberg was Sweden's special envoy in Budapest, and from July to December 1944. He issued passports to Jews and housed them in buildings that were designated as Swedish territory. He rescued up to one hundred thousand Jews in Nazi-occupied Hungary. After the Soviets captured Budapest in 1945, Wallenberg was detained on suspicion of espionage and disappeared.

Chiune Sugihara was the Vice-Consul for Japan in Lithuania during the Second World War. Despite orders to not issue transit visas to Jewish refugees, he signed thousands of visas, each visa good for one family. The visas had to be handwritten so he reportedly spent hours per day to produce a month's worth of visas each day. Witnesses said he was still writing visas when the consulate was closed and he was flinging them out of the train as he left. He risked his career and the lives of his family to save more than 6,000 Jewish refugees.

We need to remember these courageous actions and help people to be inspired to work for the safe, inclusive, thriving society we desire.

"We have an update on our discussions with the BC government. As we have previously reported we are looking for some meaningful follow up to the BC government apology in 2012. The first phase of this process is to hear from the Japanese Canadian community and we propose to do this through community consultations. The BC government supports this first step of community consultations. We will be working on a plan for in-person and virtual meetings and looking to work with our member organizations. We will continue to report on our work through our e-news, our national membership meetings, and other communication channels."



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Consul General Kobayashi celebrating
"Special Birthdays & Anniversaries" with Kotobuki-kai



Calgary Hitmen Hockey Club Presents
 The 4th Annual Multicultural
 Night Game
 Friday, March 1st, 2019 @ 7PM
 Ticket Price: \$15 / person (Normally \$24)
 Ticket purchase through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/4th-annual-calgary-hitmen-multicultural-night-japanese-delegation-tickets-54868726839>

Calgary Japanese Community Association has been invited to send our delegates (2 People) to hold a Japanese Flag at the opening ceremony once again! CJCA Business Network Group would like to invite all our members and your families and friends to the game to watch and or be the delegates.

For more information:
 Call or Email the Centre



UPCOMING

Activities are held at the Centre unless otherwise specified.



KIMONO FAIR (NJCA)

Join us in celebration of Asian Heritage Month in May

Come explore the cultures of Japan by learning about Kimono. We will have vendors selling clothes and merchandises; Japanese sweets and tea; Kimono rental*; and more!

DATE: Sunday, May 26, 2019

TIME: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

FEE: \$9.00 per person

*Kimono rental & dress-up requires prior booking. "Space is limited" so please sign-up ASAP.

For booking and info, contact:

order@njcocalgary.ca or ntaeko@telus.net
 or 403.650.7634



CJCA Stampede Breakfast

Saturday, July 6, 2019

from 9 to 11 am

Food Bank donations appreciated!



Calgary Japanese Omatsuri Festival



JOIN US this summer!

Saturday, August 10, 2019

at the Max Bell Centre

from 10 am to 5 pm

www.calgaryjapanese festival.com

PROGRAMS

Programs are held at the Centre unless otherwise specified.



CJCA Karaoke Club

MONDAY

STARTING: January

TIME: Noon to 3 pm

Join us and sing your heart out!

The CJCA Karaoke Club have a large collection of Japanese songs and some English songs too.

(Bring your own lunch.)

CONTACT: Ted Wada

403. 278.8061 or tgwada@ymail.com



CJCA Library

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

WHEN: During regular office hours and some weekends.

Members have access to a selection of Japanese & English books at the centre library for borrowing. Reference material is for "in-house" use only.

CONTACT: CJCA Office or NJCA



Midnight Taiko-kai

MONDAY (& alternate Thursday)

Drumming

WHEN: Year-round (Evenings)

PRESIDENT: Ben Lim

BOOKING INFO: T.L. Krezanoski

bookings@midnight-taiko.ca

www.midnight-taiko.ca

<https://www.calgaryjca.com/copy-of-events>



Kaede No Kai

TUESDAY (& Saturday)

Odori (Dance)

STARTING: January

TIME: 7 to 9 pm

INSTRUCTOR: Joanne Planidin

kaedenokai@gmail.com



Yosakoi

TUESDAY

Yosakoi Soran Calgary (Traditional Dance)

"New Members Wanted"

WHEN: February—August

TIME: 7 to 9 pm

CONTACT: Tomo Honda

hdtomo@gmail.com

PROGRAMS

Continued...



Kotobuki-kai

WEDNESDAY

Seniors Group

STARTING: January 9, 2019
PRESIDENT: Kathrine Nugent
CONTACT:
403.242.4691 or knugent@hotmail.ca



CJCA Renshikan

WEDNESDAY (& Saturday)

Karate Club

WHEN: Year-round
TIME: 6 to 8 pm (Wednesday)
9 to 10 am (Saturday)
INSTRUCTOR: Seichi "Sey" Yamashiro
CONTACT: cjcsdcbyama@shaw.ca



"Sey"



Abacus (Soroban)

WEDNESDAY

WHEN: Classes are year round!
TIME: 4 to 7 pm
WHERE: Nikkei Centre (Basement)
CONTACT: Takayuki Hatakeyama
403.667.5884 or soroban Calgary@gmail.com
<http://abacuscalgary.com>



Shogetsu Ikebana

THURSDAY

STARTING: January
(Bi-Monthly)
TIME: 6 to 9 pm
INSTRUCTOR: Keiko Otsuki
ikebanastudio@shaw.ca
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Mrs. Otsuki



Japanese Language

THURSDAY/FRIDAY

Calgary Japanese Language School (JLS) for Children & Adults

STARTING: September—June
CLASSES HELD AT:
Queen Elizabeth Jr./Sr. High School
512 18th Street NW, Calgary T2N 2G5
PRINCIPAL: Yoshiki Komori
contact@calgaryjls.com
TO REGISTER: www.calgaryjls.com

PROGRAMS

Continued...



Hyottoko Dance

SUNDAY

STARTING: January
TIME: 2 to 3 pm
CONTACT: Ted Wada

403.278.8061 or tgwada@ymail.com

Hyottoko Dance was originated in Japan a few hundred years ago and is practiced to this day in many communities in Japan. The dance is a repetition of simple moves – men and women dance together, wearing humorous looking masks called hyottoko, okame and kitsune, head covers and ukatas. It's a lot of fun and a way to introduce traditional Japanese culture to Canada.



Line Dance Club

SUNDAY

STARTING: January
TIME: 3 to 4:30 pm
FEE: \$40 for 10 lessons.

"Please join us! It is great exercise and lots of fun. No experience necessary, just drop-in and sign-up!"

CONTACTS: Ted Wada or Rocky Oishi

403.278.8061 or tgwada@ymail.com

403.281.1203 or rjoishi@shaw.ca

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2019 SCHEDULE & BNG TOPICS

(Subject to change.)

To be announced.

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ask.jcyl@gmail.com

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Advertising options and rates are available through the office.

FACILITY

Please contact the office before dropping-off items such as: CDs, VHS, software, books, magazines, tapes and things Japanese

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday thru Friday during office hours or first Saturday (1-4 pm) and third Sunday (1-4 pm). (Subject to change.)

LOOKING FOR A VENUE?

Contact the office for a variety of hall rental options!

LOST & FOUND

Unclaimed items will be disposed of on a regular basis.

MEMBERSHIP

The "2019" CJCA Membership Application form is located at the end of the newsletter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WANTED: Help to lead our various activities.

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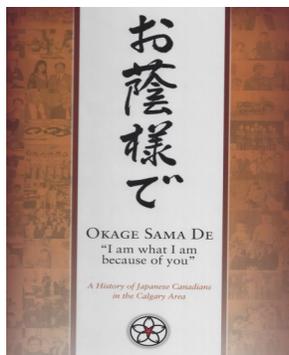


For your shopping convenience

Nakagama's Japanese Food & Giftware from Lethbridge will be at the Centre on: (Subject to Change!)



- ⇒ Saturday, April 20, 2019 (Sakura Tea)
- ⇒ July 2019 (Stampede Breakfast)
- ⇒ Saturday, August 10, 2019 (Omatsuri Festival)
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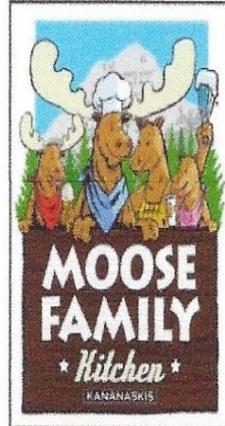
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2019

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