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## KATHY SHIMBASHI

Kathy was selected Miss Edmonton Eskimo 1977 (over 15 contestants) and spent a very busy week during the festivities at Montreal preceding the Grey Cup. She will represent the Eskimo Football Club during the coming year (at events like the Klondike Days, Commonwealth Games). Although interested in modern jazz dancing, singing, skiing, golf, sewing, and sports a green thumb, she failed miserably to turn-on the Eskimo football team as we got whomped at Grey Cup, 41-6. It wasn't your fault, K.

Five foot three inches tall, Kathy weighs 108 pounds. Her other measurements were not reported, but her proud parents are Kay and Albert. It is easy to see Kay's part in this, but for all of Al's many accomplishments and abilities (and dimensions), who would have thought he could father a Miss Edmonton Eskimo!

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Edm Jpnz Comm Club annual event, Bonnie Doon Community Hall, 9240-93rd St., Sunday Dec. 4, 1:30 Program; 3:30 supper. Prizes, raffles, treats for kids, fun, food fellowship.

Admission Non-members: adult 4.00, children 1.00, student 2.00.  
Admission members: (join up & pay less)  
adult 2.50, children .50, student 1.00.

Reservation, call:

Kay Shimbashi 435-7154; Lucy Takahashi 469-3260; Flo Shikaze 466-1059; Akiko Ito 467-0454.

## JOHN TAKAHASHI

Among those honored at the 1977 Alberta Achievement Awards Banquet in Calgary, October 29, was John T. In part his citation stated: "Closely associated with Alberta's young people for 17 years, Mr. Takahashi has dedicated his time and effort to sports and interscholastic athletics. With quiet competence and efficiency he has made an outstanding contribution as Secretary-Treasurer of the North Central Alberta School Athletic Ass'n; also as sec-treas of the Alta. Schs. Athletic Ass'n. He was the first Alta delegate to represent the Assns at the U.S. Nat'l Federation of State H.S. Assn Conf in 1970.... Mr. T. has been instrumental in establishing constructive communication at these levels. . . influenced the improvement of the std of youth sport activity.... (was recognized) by the Brd of Gov. of Alta. H.S. Ath. Assn with the R.H. Routledge Award of Merit for 1975."

Wife Lucy shares part of the honor for supporting and putting up with him while he risked his life for several years driving thousands of miles looking after Provincial Play-offs in the dead of winter. John was the anchor man for the Planning Committee of the successful Centennial Bonspiel; as Sports Director he sits on the Executive of the Edmonton Jpnz Comm. Club. And being John he quietly gave hours and days of needed behind-the-scenes help on innumerable community projects, such as the Cent. Float, national odori stage crew, Heritage Day. Don't stop, John; it's not good to change habits suddenly.



ALBERTA YOUTH CONFERENCE

"Should We Go On From Here?" The answer appeared to be a definite Yes, but how and why are pretty much left to be worked out by the Sansei who attended—about 100 from Montreal, Toronto, Kingston, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and various parts of Alberta, at Mt. Royal College, Calgary, Oct. 28-30.

The conf. opened with a panel taking on the conf theme (Leslie Kawamura & Amy Okazaki, Calg; Brenda Kosaka, Leth; Joy Kogawa, Ottawa; David Sunahara, Edm.). From there, we moved to a very meaningful question, Who Are We? Geo. Araki of S.F. shared his own developing views; insights regarding <sup>the</sup> part our heritage contributes, how we integrate our Japaneseness in the predominantly hakujin environment, and the genuine pride that is associated with true self awareness (as compared to aping the majority).

Upon this springboard the conf divided into 10 small groups and probed these basic issues from the various positions that each participant occupied in his/her process of awakening. These observations were then shared after reassembling in a plenary session.

Nancy Araki dramatized our emerging self awareness with a provocative, powerful multi-media (3 simultaneous slide projections moving at different rate integrated by a tape sound track) presentation of our Inner Legacy. Here we were jolted to the realization of how much our assumed highly personal, idiosyncratic traits were in fact actually part of our Japanese cultural heritage—enryo, otonashii, tendency to understate in public, pleasant to outsiders but overly critical within our group, success orientation, emphasis on respectability and security (leading toward conservative, conforming, don't rock the boat posture).

Ted Aoki's illustrated banquet speech re-inforced and underlined the importance of authentic personal growth, and for us, that means a healthy blend of the Japanese heritage with Canadian themes of value (Cdn = Anglo mostly).

During the final assessment session, with Ken Ohtake, Kingston, Paul Isaki, Seattle, and Mike Murakami, Edm, leading off but joined by a large number of delegates, there appeared to be a noticeable shift from the tone of the opening session. The earlier subdued wariness of "Japa-

FUND RAISING, JCCS

That slow, everlasting (but necessary) process of fund-raising continues. The various programs that have crowded our calendar this year were made possible by volunteers in our community, and augmented by contributions. As of mid-Nov., Edm office has received \$3,997.00.

The June issue recognized contributors to that date for Edmonton (and areas received by Edm; E.I.D. funds are used for programs in that area). The following have contributed since June (JCCS, c/o Tak Nagata, #27 - 11503 109 Ave, Edm T5H 1E4):

Mr.Mrs.G. Tsuruda, 152 - 65 St.	20.00
Dr.Mrs.S. Kojima, 11144 - 37 Ave.	10.00
Athabaska Hatchery, Box 367, Atha.	20.00
Mrs. S. Katayama, 15922-92A Ave.	30.00
W.H. Kikuchi, 12402-126 St.	10.00
Mr.Mrs.R.S. Miyagama, 14316-92A Ave.	25.00
Ostrem Chem. Co., P.O.Box 4484	25.00
JETRO, 1216 Royal Bank Bldg.	36.00
K. Kawasaki, #7718, 13910 Stony Plain Rd.	50.00
S. Nakamura, Box 120, Rosemary	10.00
T. Hironaka, Box 36, Rosemary	10.00
M. Tamura, Box 150, "	10.00
Royal Bank, Box 40, Brooks	25.00
Harry's Gen. Store, Rosemary	25.00
Thomas Denture Clinic (T.Hamaguchi) 301 Tegler Bldg	100.00
J.S. Kiyooka, #1404 - 10101 Sask.Dr.	50.00

Funds have also come from cultural depts of all three levels of gov't: Dept of sec of State (fed), 23,660 to Leth, Calg, Edm and Alta region; Alta. Culture gave a major grant of 15,000 towards Alberta Tour of Nikka Fest. Dancers (total cost of the 8 days, about 27,000), and in Oct, an additional grant of 1,000 toward the Calg Youth Conf. City of Edm gave a grant of 2,000 for recent programs incl. Wind-Up Event, + Opening Progr of Photographic Exhibit.

A third source of funds have been ticket sales, T-shirts (all profits donated by Silk-o-Lina), souvenir items.

Appreciation is expressed to all the above contributors.

neseness" and aren't we supposed to be regular Canadians posture began changing toward a reluctant appreciation of our Japanese heritage; in fact, not only the feeling that "its okay to be Japanese" but "its good to be Japanese!"



BONSPIEL WINNERS

Winners in the 16 rink Ladies' Events were: A Section Elsie Sasaki rink, Taber; B Section Misaye Serizawa rink, Kamloops. Other prize winners were June Kanomata rink, Taber; Flo Mitani rink, Winnipeg; Shig Sakamoto rink, Lethbridge; Marjorie Fujino rink, Calgary; N. Oikawa rink, Picture Butte; Emi Halterman rink of Grande Prairie, Taber, Calgary; Barbara Konno rink, Calgary; Amy Nakamura rink, Taber; Ricki Higa rink, Edmonton; Corrine Mather rink, Edmonton.

Winners in the 50 rink Men's Events were: A Event Seiji Mukuyama rink, Burnaby; B Event Ken Tamura, Vauzhall; C Event, Ken Kadonaga, Calgary; D Event Pat Shimbashi rink, Barnwell. Other prize winners were Glenn Higa rink, Calgary; Gordon Shimizu rink, Greenwood; John Konno rink, Calgary; Bob Miyanaga rink, Taber; Al Takasaki rink, Lethbridge; Hayao Oikawa rink, Calgary; Ben Shikaze rink, Edmonton; Tanagi rink, Taber; Nobby Miyagishima rink, Edmonton; Zeke Ariza rink, Winnipeg; Mike Ngata rink, Toronto; Tak Tokuda, Edmonton.

HENRY SHIMIZU

Dr. S. doesn't know how come he was honored recently by the award of Her Majesty the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal. But we might guess. This Medal is a mark of distinction received by a select number of Commonwealth citizens in different walks of life in recognition of their services to the community in a variety of fields. So it could be 'cause he is the current president of the Canadian Plastic Surgeon's Association. Or maybe for being on the Executive of the Performing Arts Council of the coming Commonwealth Games. Perhaps it was for being Charter Member and indispensable workhorse and idea man for the Alberta Cultural Heritage Council. And then again it could have been for being former president of the Council of Edmonton Art Gallery.

Surely, it couldn't have been for being former president and current Cultural Director of the Edmonton Jpnz Comm. Club, or as member of the National Board, J.C.C.S. (We know it wasn't for being Skip of the ill-fated "Doctors on Ice" Rink at the Centennial Bonspiel.)

Whatever, Henry, our hats are off to you! (where's my hat?)

CENTENNIAL BONSPIEL

In an event that in many ways symbolizes the extent to which the Japanese Canadians have integrated into the mainstream of Canadian sports life (from input of Japanese martial arts to the adoption of Scottish curling), Centennial Bonspiel at Sportex and Thistle, Nov. 11-13, was a huge success. Curlers from B.C., Manitoba, Ontario, all over Alberta, and the man who made this an international event, Kay Sugahara of New York City, all participated with gusto, though without much sleep.

Friday's events were capped with a buffet social and dance at Youth Pavilion, Sportex, a very happy occasion. Saturday's huge banquet at Edmonton Plaza was also JCCS Edm Wind-Up Program, and featured Alderman Newman representing the City, Culture Minister Horst Schmid who concluded his comments with a paragraph in Japanese (I think), Miss Edmonton Eskimo, Kathy Shimbashi, interviewed by Club President George Tsuda (or was it the other way around?), and the personal and very meaningful comments of Hon. Ralph Steinhauer, Lt. Governor of Alberta. As M.C., Al Shimbashi noted, the credit for the successful banquet and dance, and the colossal Bonspiel goes to the hard-working committee of Chair Nobby Miyagishima, Vice-chair John Takahashi, and Ben Shikaze, Terry Uyeda, Al Shimbashi, Ron Foster, John Pedden, Jack Maruyama, Sat Maruyama, Janice Higa, Mark Kanno, Doug Miyagishima, Mas Okamura, Paul Maruyama, Ken Tanaka, Tats Yamada.

ALBERTA EVENTS

Calgary Centennial Wind-Up Banquet and Program, Four Seasons Hotel, October 29, 1977 (in conjunction with the Youth Conf.).

Edmonton Centennial Wind-up Banquet and Program, Edmonton Plaza, Nov. 12, 1977, in conjunction with the Cent. Bonspiel.

Taber Community Centennial Bonanza, January 14, 1977.

Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and E.I.D. JCCS, Wind-Up events to be announced.

MRS. WATANABE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

A very warm birthday party was given Mrs. Watanabe at Ling Nam Restaurant on the occasion of her 90th birthday, a month late on Sept. 30. The happy host was the Edm. Jpnz Comm. Club.





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FINAL CENTENNIAL NEWS-SHEET

The ideas and incentives mounted during the Centennial year will continue through the Edmonton Japanese Community Club. So will this news-sheet. Therefore, to be involved and to remain on the mailing list after this issue, join:

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Kay Shimbashi, Secretary  
10924 - 41A Avenue  
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(\$3.00 individual; \$5.00 family rate)

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE, WINNIPEG

A national conference at Winnipeg, October 7-10 was sponsored by the National JC CA. About 50 delegates attended (including 6 from Edm and 2 from Calg) seeking answers to questions such as: 1) should we have a national network, and if so, what kind of structure should it have; 2) should we mount a campaign to repeal or amend the War Measures Act (under which Act the JC were evacuated in '42); 3) should we mount a campaign for reparations (to establish an official Canadian statement that evacuation was wrong, and to seek compensation for human and civil rights losses); 4) should there be a national coordination of Japanese Lang. Sch (e.g., sharing textbook and teaching source as well as operations and funding strategies), and related matters.

Working committees have been struck to bring in proposals and a tentative plan for another national meeting next spring possibly in Vancouver. (Neither Edm nor Calg has a JCCA chapter; moreover, they are not sure that a revival of the old LC CA is the answer.)

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT

This exhibit will be at The Provincial Museum until Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:00 PM. Don't miss it. See attached bulletin.

The Exhibit was officially opened by Provincial Minister Horst Schmid. Tamio Wakayama, photographer/producer spoke of how his group confronted and coped with problems in the development of this production. The Moods of Man group from Vancouver gave a beautiful and powerful touch with their "Sounds of Powell Street," especially arranged for this exhibit by Harry Aoki, base, coordinator; Takeo Yamashiro, shakuhachi; Kathy Bjonsteth, harpsichord.

Flo Shikaze and Lucy Takahashi and their corps of volunteers, prepared an eastern/western buffet spread that was most appropriate and greatly appreciated. Veteran Provincial Museum "opening nighters" felt that this opening program had more quality and relevancy than any of the many openings they had seen at The Provincial Museum.

It moves to Taber from here for a two weeks stand in January, then possibly to Calgary before moving to Interior B.C.