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ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN BANQUET

Place: Yukon Room, Edmonton Plaza

Date: Sunday, April 2, 1978

Time: 5:00 PM cocktails
6:00 PM dinner

Cost: \$10.00 per person

If you are planning to attend, ^{tickets from} please notify the following by March 28:

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

This banquet had originally intended to honor Sugizo Nakamura's 100th birthday. His family was delighted to learn that we are still going to honor Sugizo Nakamura because we feel his presence even more.

Sugizo Nakamura Dies March 12

Just three weeks before his 100th birthday Sugizo Nakamura died suddenly at his home. Born April 2, 1878 at Fukuoka ken, he came to Edmonton in 1912, and started a barber shop. There aren't too many Edmontonians who could claim 66 years of residence.

Last May at the Japanese Canadian Centennial Keirokai, 99 year old Sugizo entertained the guests with a Japanese song. At this year's Senior Citizen Banquet, Mr. Nakamura was to be specially honored on the occasion of his 100th birthday as Edmonton Japanese Community Club's 1978 centennial celebration.

Mr. Nakamura left Japan for Hawaii with some young friends in 1905. He worked on a banana plantation for a couple of years, and then came to Canada in 1908. Unlike most of the Japanese who lived and worked in the Lower Mainland or Vancouver Island areas, he early moved to Field, B.C. and to Cranbrook, working on the railroad and sawmills. There, in eastern B.C., he began moonlighting among his co-workers as a barber, which later was to become his anchor occupation. Having been an active athlete, especially wrestling, his strength brought him many advantages while working on the railroad and in sawmills.

Nakamura (cont'd)

His family in Japan arranged marriage to Hana in 1916, and two years later, he returned to Japan to bring Hana to Canada. They developed a very close and warm relationship both occupationally and as a family. Mrs. Nakamura learned to become an active partner in his barber shop, and there was a time in the early 30's when they operated two shops.

When they ran into hard times, Mr. Nakamura would put in stints for the city, working on utilities and landscaping teams. There was a time during the depression when Hana had to be in a hospital for about three years; during that crisis, Mr. Nakamura not only looked after the barber shop but his family of 7 young children.

Mr. Nakamura was an avid gardener until he was 94. He was an active follower of sports, especially baseball and basketball, and he was regularly in the stands when his boys were on school teams. He played the shakuhachi and the community is well-acquainted with his abilities as a singer of Japanese folk songs. To his last years if somebody suggested going to the races, Mr. Nakamura was ready to go. He was known as an expert at gaji (hana).

For decades his home was the scene of neighborhood gathering for the mochi-tsuki on his usu; these included his hakujin friends. The other long-time standby Nakamura activity was the United Church International dinners, where they took care of the Asian touch.

In addition to his wife, Hana, Mr. Nakamura is survived by three sons, four daughters and ten grandchildren. George, the chonan, is a licenced psychologist; he is currently advisor to the Century New Horizon Club and a member of the Edm Jpnz Comm Club Executive; Bill, ex-teacher, now with the General Motors in Ontario; Irene is in Peachland, B.C., married and still bookkeeps; Lydia, dressmaker in Toronto, married; Rose, comptometer in Toronto, married; Eddie, married and lives in St. Albert, is a provincial welfare officer; Jean, the youngest lives in Edm, bookkeeper.

Welcome, Consul-General Harada!

Consul-General of Japan Chikamitsu Harada and Mrs. Harada arrived in Edmonton from their immediately prior posting to San Francisco in late January. Members of the Edmonton community had an opportunity to meet the new Consul-General and Mrs. Harada at a reception by the Japanese Consulate-General Office on January 30 at the Chateau Lacombe.

The Japanese community had another, more intimate opportunity to meet the Haradas on February 25 at a welcome dinner. Mr. Harada expressed great relief upon coming to Edmonton that the exaggerated stereotype ice-box weather was a myth. Edmontonians with roots in Kagoshima were delighted to learn that they can add the Haradas to their clan.

Prior to his posting in San Francisco Mr. Harada served in the Japanese Embassy at Lusaka, Zambia.

A Gift of Children's Books

The Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge Public Libraries will be enriched by a gift from the Japanese Consulate-General on the occasion of the Japanese Canadian Centennial.

Wishing to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Manzo Nagano's arrival in Canada with a creative memento, the Japanese Consulate-General will present children's books to the three centres during special ceremonies this month. On this occasion the Consulate-General will present the gift to a representative of the Japanese Canadian Centennial Society, who in turn will present the gift to the city.

The 230 or so children's books slated for the three libraries are all different, some in English, some in Japanese.

Minister Cafik Speaks

At the JCCS Appreciation Banquet in Toronto on Feb. 3, Hon. Norman Cafik, Minister of State for Multiculturalism, paid respect to the JC who had suffered during WWII. "The evacuation of Japanese Canadians inland from coastal communities and the loss of their civil rights is a black mark against Canada's traditional fairness and devotion to the principles of human rights. We have learned from our mistakes and have taken steps to safeguard against a repetition of this bitter experience to all our citizens through legislation in the areas of Citizenship and Human Rights."

He encouraged JC's to continue their vigilance to safeguard our democracy, not only for our own sake but for Canada.

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(This new column of this and that will become a regular Moshi Moshi feature. Keep Lucy or Flo informed about interesting goings on.)

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

1. Brian Sugiyama and Karen Bakewell who were united in marriage on Sat., Nov. 25, 1977 at Lethbridge. (son of Mr. & Mrs. Mitts Sugiyama, Edm., and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bakewell of Lethbridge)
2. Douglas Miyagishima and Bonnie Harms who were united in marriage on Sat., Jan. 21, 1978 at Lendrum Mennonite Brethren Church, Edm. (son of Mr. & Mrs. Nobby Miyagishima and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Harms, all Edm.)
3. Byron Shikaze and Diane Koyanagi who were united in marriage on Sat., Feb. 18, 1978 at Marpole United Church, Vancouver. (son of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Shikaze, Edm, and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kusuo Koyanagi, Vanc.)

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. . . This summer Edmonton loses a valued family when Dr. S. Masamune, professor of Chemistry, Mrs. Masamune and children leave for Boston. University of Alberta and Edmonton's loss is M.I.T. and Boston's gain. We wish them well and hope they will be back for visits often.

. . . An Edmonton Sansei has recently attended a Midget Hockey Tournament in Verdun, Quebec. Darcy Yamada, of Edmonton Westgate Chevrolet, helped his team to an excellent record in their division, losing only once (to the eventual tournament winner).

. . . The Annual Film "Kohaku Uta Gassen" will be shown much later this year, June 20, Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. at Edmonton Art Gallery. This year the film went to Brazil first. More details in the next Moshi Moshi.

Baby-sitter desired

Masako Walley, instr in Occupational Therapy, and Dr. Walley, Psy. prof., would like someone to care for their 3 1/2 month baby, half to full day, hours flexible, apt in U. Hosp. district. Call 433-8108.

National JCCS, Its Future

When the centennial year was anticipated, some far-out plans were projected. What happened exceeded even the wildest expectations! All the hard work, even some unpleasantness, were worthwhile. Something of a Japanese community has re-emerged; many experienced heightened consciousness of our identity as Japanese Canadians. Many Sansei had gained a new awareness of their rich heritage, and are beginning to feel that it is good to be a Canadian of Japanese origin.

We had recognized with appreciation the dignity with which the pioneer Issei and the early Nisei coped with their forced second class status in an openly racist society. But now as we look to the future, no longer second class, we can begin to shed a part of that arsenal, like being as invisible as possible and not rocking the boat. Instead, we can practice the responsibilities and duties of active first class citizenship. That's what the centennial stimulated for us.

Accordingly, JCCS Alberta expressed tremendous appreciation for the centennial year, and what the national JCCS office facilitated. It was organized to assume a big and important once-in-a-hundred-year challenge, and that it did with outstanding success. There is a natural inclination after a successful year to prolong its existence. It is JCCS Alberta's view that prolonging would be a mistake. Instead, with appreciation for a year of great accomplishments, JCCS should shift its objectives and goals to existing and newly formed community organizations, and put itself to well-deserved rest.

Ted Aoki To U. of A. Post

This summer Dr. Ted Aoki will assume his new responsibilities as Chair of the Dept. of Secondary Education. Ted taught in the dept. he will now lead from 1964 to 1975. Before that, he taught at public schools in Foremost, Taber and Lethbridge and was assistant principal at Lethbridge Collegiate Institute. Before that, he worked in the coalmines of Crows Nest Pass. Before that, he was uprooted and evacuated from the west coast to the sugar beet fields of S. Alberta. Before that, he had just completed his B.Comm. at UBC.

Now a professor and co-ordinator of the Centre for the Study of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of British Columbia, Ted assumes the chairmanship July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1983. He was president of Canadian Association of Professors of Education for the 1974-75 term. He had also served a three-year stint as member of the Advisory Council to the Minister of State for Multiculturalism.

Last October Ted delivered the banquet address at the Alberta Centennial Youth Conference, The Sakura and the Rose: Reflective Sketches. He is also a member of the Board of Editors of the national Japanese Canadian quarterly, Rikka.

Edmonton community is ready to welcome back June, Ted and their sons and daughter.

at Calgary:

Tamagawa University Music and Dance Group

Under a program entitled Sharing Is Loving, Tamagawa University will be presenting a Japanese Cultural Exchange Program at the University of Calgary Theatre, March 24 and 25, both programs at 8:00 PM, admission \$2.00 students and sr. citizens; \$4. general.

"The earth is our homeland. What is of paramount importance today and tomorrow is to establish common background for mutual understanding among youth who are privileged to build a better world," Tetsuro Obara, Pres., Tamagawa Univ. With such a springboard the dance and music group will present a two-part program: Part I including numbers such as Sakura, Kuroda Bushi, Hana Fubuki, Ren Jishi, Tottori Kasa Odori, Awa Odori, Tamagawa Daiko; Part II will feature a dance drama (Japanese Ancient Folklore).

Tom Nawata is heading a small Japanese Community group assisting the Univ. of Calgary sponsoring committee.

13th Annual Mixed Bonspiel

The Edmonton Japanese Curling Club will be holding its 13th Annual Mixed Bonspiel on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 24, 25 and 26, 1978 at the Thistle Curling Club.

Again we anticipate curlers from centres of Calgary, Lethbridge, Taber, Vauxhall, Picture Butte, Coaldale, Claresholm, Red Deer and hopefully from British Columbia.

In conjunction with the Bonspiel, a Banquet and Dance will be held at the Capilano Motor Hotel on the evening of Saturday, March 25th. For further information contact John Takahashi, President, EJCC, 469-3260.





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This centennial news-sheet has been taken over by Edmonton Japanese Community Club. Join our activities and get on our mailing list. See notice elsewhere on these pages for info.

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Edmonton Jpnz Youth Group

The EJYG sponsored an informative film session on the Japanese Canadian at the Centennial Library on Jan. 20. The feature film was "The Tides of War" which focused on the political and social issues of the Japanese in Canada, including evacuation. Also shown was "Enemy Alien", a shorter NFB documentary. It was the group's intention to bring this rather vague era of Canadian history to not only the attention of the Japanese Canadian community, but to other Canadians as well. Dennis Kurimoto handled the planning detail.

A scholarship program discussed by the Youth Group and drafted by Grant Shikaze has been presented to the Edmonton Jpnz Community Club for review.

The Sakura Dancers have newly reorganized and are now under the direction of Mrs. Keiko Freuh following two very successful yrs. with Mrs. Michi Miyagishima. Currently, the group is in the process of compiling a new repertoire of more classical Japanese dance.

Other activities will be announced. There will be some personnel changes among the youth with graduation and jobs cropping up. News for this youth column will be maintained by Jayne Takahashi (469-3260; 9652 69A St, T6B 1W3; keep her informed).

ANNEX, the Toronto Youth Centre

"The ANNEX is here. Situated at 1468 Danforth Ave., between Coxwell and Monarch Pk., a warm and newly arrived Japanese. The ANNEX is for your use, so feel free to come by, exchange ideas, and get to know us." With this invitation, the Toronto Coalition of Japanese Canadian Youth opened ANNEX.

In addition to being a social drop-in centre with three full-time (from Canada Works grant) and many volunteer staffers, it has already developed the following services: free legal clinic, health seminar, film night, women's seminar, English writing class, basic color photography course, discussion nights (Mel Tsuji, CBC, on his coverage of Japan; Art Shimizu, internal medicine, on War Measures Act; Mel Shimoda & Geo Imai on Human Rights and JC; etc.); sushi workshop; various raffles; drive for more furniture, and the like. Even Nisei are invited to drop in. Next time you're in Toronto, remember the address (Maya Koizumi, Helen Koyama, Janet Ogaki and hordes of volunteers will be there to greet you. 463-7441).

In the next Moshi Moshi we will be able to report on the Powell Street Revue, the Vancouver youth group with some zip.

Edm Jpnz Community Club

This issue of Moshi Moshi is going to every Japanese Canadian household which our census last year was able to uncover. It is part of our drive to increase our active membership. Following our experience during the Centennial, the Moshi Moshi will come out regularly every 6 to 8 weeks during the non-summer months. Join up, participate with us, get your Moshi Moshi, toss in your ideas for new and revived programs.

Membership fee for 1978: \$5.00 family;
 or \$3.00 single

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Moshi Moshi expects to add a Japanese language columnist by the next issue.