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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Sunday, September 28, 1986
at The Lingnan
10582 - 104 St.

5:00 PM - No-Host Bar/Social Hour

5:30 PM - Dinner

6:30 PM - Program:

President/Treasurer reports
Election of Board
Policy changes?
Scholarship and Activities
Award

Questions from the floor

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Guest Speaker

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Door prizes and
entertainment

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Make a special effort to attend. The cost of the Chinese dinner will be \$15.00 each, gratuities included. Please make your reservation with one of the following by September 23:

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DR. MAMORU WATANABE TO SPEAK AT AGM

The keynote speaker at this year's AGM is Dean Mamoru Watanabe of the University of Calgary Faculty of Medicine. Dr. Watanabe will share some personal experiences which played an important part in the shaping of his life and career. One of these occurred while a youngster in a ghost town during the war, when he was refused admission to a public school nearby.

Today, his ancestry notwithstanding, Mo Watanabe is probably the only ^{Nikkei} dean of a university faculty in Canada. Come and meet our speaker during the social hour.

A primary item at the AGM is the election of one-half of the EJCA Board of Directors to a two-year term, plus other vacancies that may occur. Suggestions for the new Board may be forwarded to Ben Shikaze 466-1059 or George Tsuruda 475-7147 by September 23.

The Board is recommending some policy changes, including raising the annual dues (unchanged for nearly 20 years) from \$5.00 family, \$3.00 single to \$10 and \$5. All policy changes must be approved by the AGM, so this is your opportunity to vote for or against it. Who will win the scholarship and activities award this year? And finally, there will be attractive door prizes: an airline ticket anywhere in North America; and books on Japanese Canadians handled by MOSHI MOSHI: Joy Kogawa, Naomi's Road; Ann G. Sunahara, The Politics of Racism; Roy Ito, We Went To War; Canon G. Nakayama, Issei; NAJC, Democracy Betrayed; Price Waterhouse, Economic Losses of Japanese Canadians After 1941. (Most of these books will also be available for purchase at AGM.) One more door prize: Roy Miki, ed., Muriel Kitagawa's This Is My Own. 000

A resolution was passed by the Canadian Ethnocultural Council and presented to the Multiculturalism Minister on June 14, 1986: "That the CEC call on the Federal Gov't to undertake immediate negotiations with the NAJC to seek compensation and apology agreement acceptable to the NAJC." 000

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

EJCA: Henry Shimizu

The old order changeth, yielding place to new, and God fulfills himself in many ways, lest one good custom should corrupt the world. Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

The quotation above comes from the epic poem, "Idylls of the King." There is a clear message in these lines, that is, we must continuously seek change in ourselves, in our communities, in our ideas and in our policies. To remain the same (a very nice nostalgic dream) can lead to stagnation and decay. Unfortunately, many of ^{us} can easily delude ourselves into thinking that we ^{can} remain unchanged (How naive!).

The more we try to remain the same, the less we are. For it is only in the pursuit of new goals that we keep fit and ageless. I have continued in the office of president of EJCA for the last two years. I believe that there is now a need to change both the officers of the association and as well, the direction in which the association is heading.

Since the centennial year of 1977 we have been directing our major effort on the national political scene towards Japanese Canadian Redress. This episode may be coming to an end. Many Canadians are now aware of the wartime injustices and the redress issues. Hopefully, we are close to the final chapter. On the local scene the EJCA activities have fallen into a predictable and regular pattern of Southgate Bazaar, Christmas Party, Keirokai, picnic/children's day, and the Japanese Pavilion at the Heritage Days. We have established a record of reliable support for almost all types of multicultural programs, city-provincial-national in nature.

The winds of change are blowing towards new directions and beginnings. The development of a Drop-in Centre and the Taiko drums are just two new areas which should be explored. We need new enthusiasm to consider some of these new options. There is need for new members to take hold of these new ideas and develop them.

New people, especially younger ones, are needed to take over from those of us who have been with EJCA for so long. I do believe that in the wider community there is a recognition and reliance on the executive of EJCA to represent the JC presence in Edmonton. I hope that this presence can continue to flourish in our wider community. 000

WHAT'S HAPPENING OF IMPORTANCE . . . ?

Ottawa: A lot of shuffling rumbles in and around the PM. Many reactions are available free from self-proclaimed pundits. One of them, in the Financial Post, saw this "backroom cabinet":
Ministers: Joe Clark, Marcel Masse, Don Mazankowski, Michael Wilson.

Senators: Norman Atkins, Lowell Murray.

Officials: Dalton Camp, Bernard Roy. Paul Tellier.

Ex-officio: Mila Mulroney, of course.

To Albertans and to JC's, this is an interesting composition. Two of the ministers, Joe Clark, External Affairs, and Don Mazankowski, Deputy PM, are from this province. Are there any ^{of you} with prior contact? All of us can write them. Joe, as External Affairs, should be concerned that Canada represent an honorable image as a democratic and fair-minded country; he would want to answer with dignity and honor any question a Third World country might ask: "What has Canada done to redress the injustice to one of your minorities during WW II?" And Don M., as Deputy to Mulroney, will surely be interested in helping Canada to clear its "black mark" (Lester Pearson's word, during the dedication of Cultural Centre in Toronto, 1964) from Canada's record. Readers, write them.

Dalton Camp, earlier while columnist for Toronto Star, twice wrote recommending an honorable redress for JC. Not included in the "backroom cabinet" but a significant recent change, is the appointment of Crombie, former mayor of Toronto and immediate past Minister of Native Affairs, as the new Multiculturalism Minister. He's in the Inner Cab.

Is the Redress issue heading towards a satisfactory resolution? The NAJC is ready and open to explore this with the new government.

Vancouver: After 10 years plus of grass roots service to pioneer seniors at the refurbished store front on Hastings St., Vancouver's Tonari Gumi has moved to a new home on the ground floor of Sakuraso, in the middle of Powell Street, the Japan town of Vanc.

The new location has twice the space and the lay-out functionally suitable due to ten yrs' experience as to what arrangement and equipment most suits the needs. In the period of not much more than a month, volunteers and at-cost rates by various firms have helped to open this unique program. Omedeto! Best wishes! 000



FLO & LUCY
...THIS 'N THAT...

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OTANJOBI OMEDETO!!

Many Happy Returns to Mrs. Yukiye MATSUBA and George NAKAMURA for their September birthdays, and to Mr. Peter MURAKAMI for his special day in October.



BIRTHS - Congratulations! Lorraine (Tsuruda) and Robert JACKSON on the birth of their son DAVID PAUL on June 24, 1986. JANET and CHARLES welcomed their new sibling, as did Grandparents GEORGE and RUBY.

WEDDINGS

Best wishes to Diane (YASUI) and Rainer HUEBL on their recent marriage. (See story elsewhere)

Yoko (URATA) and Mikio NAKAHARA would like to announce their marriage which took place in Banff on August 7, 1986. Yoko is an Education Graduate student working on her Ph.D. at U of A. Mikio is a Physics professor at Shizuoka University, Japan; he was engaged in post-doctoral research at U of A for 2 yrs.

DONATIONS

The EJCA thanks with appreciation the generous donations to the following:

Mrs. Fumi KINOSHITA,
Dr. Sam HOSHIZAKI,
Ben and Flo SHIKAZE
Mr. and Mrs. SHIGIHARA.

DROP-IN CENTRE

When are ^{we} making the next move? We have EJCA commitment with some moneys put aside from previous fund-raising. The Arts and Crafts group have for years been raising funds for the Drop-In Centre at the Southgate Bazaar & the Heritage Festival - that program has produced just under \$20,000. Our next Casino will feature the Drop-In Centre as a major source of the fund-raising.

We are a community without any physical base: no community hall, sports hall, church, general store, hotel where we could gather or post notices.

We need to move to the second stage - a committee to look for space, purchase or rental, & get to the nitty gritty. What say, new EJCA Board?

"THERE IS LOVE"...



On July 12th, at St. Paul's United Church, Diane, only daughter of SHU and MITZI YASUI was married to RAINER, only son of ALFRED and ANNA HUEBL.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father.. She wore a satin gown with a V-neck, a bodice of Italian lace appliqued and decorated with pearls and sequins. The bishop sleeves ended in lily points. The chapel length train was embroidered with leaf design. Diane's derby hat covered with satin, featured pearls. Her veil was finger-tip length. She carried a white bridal bouquet. Diane had three attendants whose gowns were all made by the bride's mother (she also made her own), with some help from JOYCE YASUI, sister-in-law of the bride. Royal blue was chosen, which was the color used with white for the church and the reception room.

Reception and dance were held at the Westin Hotel.

MR. & MRS. RAINER HUEBL were going to Vancouver for their honeymoon.

To Whom It May Concern: July 5, 1986

I wish to thank you for the lovely pottery plate I received a few days ago via several friends. It is so beautiful. I shall always treasure it.

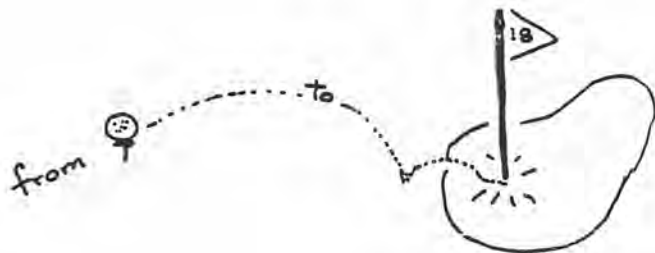
Yours sincerely,
Yukiye Iriye

THE EJCA MEMBERS:

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the lovely flowers received during our bereavement in June. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Please accept this small donation in memory of STEVE Y. SHIKAZE.

Sincerely,
Ben & Flo Shikaze



Special thanks to Jack Maruyama and Mark Kano for all the planning!

GOLF UPDATE - JASPER TOURNAMENT

Someone up there liked the Golfers better than us. While we were in the city dodging puddles the guys and girls and family members in Jasper were enjoying sunshine. Another successful tourney was held during the weekend of July 12 with the main trophy winners being:

LADIES':

Japanese Village Low Gross
- Mrs. Funakoshi
Shogun Restaurant Low Net
- Keiko Kobayashi

MEN'S:

Ben Shikaze Low Gross - Ted Asai
Taxi Miyagishima Low Net - Wataru Ito
Japanese Village Senior Low Gross
- Ben Shikaze
Mizuno Senior Low Net - Jack Maruyama
George Matsuba Junior Low Gross
- Trent Maruyama
Mikado Restaurant Junior Low Net
- Brett Maruyama

In addition, other prizes were given out by the Calloway system. As always there were more prizes than people. Thanks to the donors, supporters, chefs at the barbeque, organizers and all who made this event memorable once again.

The 19th Hole - Congratulations to Ted Asai for winning the Club Championship at the Links Golf Course in Spruce Grove.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We would like to share this thoughtful letter with you. MR. SHIGIHARA came here in 1971 as Consul of Japan, and in 1972 his position and the office was elevated to CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN. In 1974 he was posted to Auckland, N.Z.

Both MR. SHIGIHARA and his charming wife were very popular with the community members. The former Consul General was instrumental in acquiring the land on which the present residence is now located.

BAG LADY! CONGRATULATIONS!

(from the Journal 27/07/86)

"The art of grocery bagging seems simple enough--just never dump the canned tomatoes on top of the PollyAnn bread.

But at the championship level, it takes more than not squashing the soft stuff to make you a winner.

The eight finalists in Canada Safeway's "Great Canadian Bagging Competition," held Saturday at Heritage Mall, had to be fast. They had to have poise. They had to pack two grocery bags so neatly that, when the judges slit the bags open with a knife, nothing fell out.

And, toughest of all, the competitors had to load their bags with everything from mayonnaise to frosted flakes and have each bag end up the same weight.

Not easy, as the 2,800 Safeway employees who competed in Edmonton in elimination rounds knew, and as the celebrity packers discovered, as they stuffed and slam-dunked cans, boxes and bread in the city's first-ever bag-off.

... to make a long story short, here is the ending ... Third place, after a tie-breaking bag-off, went to SHARON HOUGH from Jasper Place". You can pack our bags anytime SHARON! See you in your line!

Letter to Shikaze's from the Shigihara's:

Thank you very much for sending "Moshi Moshi" to me continuously which is showing many interesting news to renew my memories of the kind people and beautiful landscape of Edmonton, Alberta. How are you and your family? I will be in London up to October, 1988, as the Secretary of the Japanese School in London, when my third contract terms of three years expires.

Enclosed is U.S. \$150, in cash (U.S.\$100 in donation to MOSHI MOSHI and U.S. \$50 for subscription fee of MOSHI MOSHI).

Hoping good luck for all you and success of MOSHI MOSHI in coming years.

Dear EJCA Members and Readers of MOSHI MOSHI:

It is membership renewal time again (\$5.00 family/\$3.00 single this year; it may go up next year). Many took the opportunity at the June Picnic to renew their membership. The listing below is to refresh your memory as to whether you did or not. We will add new renewals and new members in the next issue.

Heretofore, MOSHI MOSHI has retained a wide/non-member mailing list for a number of years, but because of rising production and mailing costs, we are reviewing our list. For some we do not know if you are still interested in being on our list. If interested, let us hear from you. If you wish to contribute to the general cost, a donation of \$5 would be helpful. Contributions of opinions and news items are also appreciated.

Your friendly editors

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GOJU SCHOOL OF KARATE

A new DOJO TRAINING SCHOOL at 10443A - 62 Avenue for KARATE has been opened by a local sansei. Slightly different from the conventional type of karate we are used to seeing, the GOJU method means hard and soft style. It has some Chinese influence, and can be taught to women and children. Control is stressed, it is a non contact sport and "blows" are halted one inch before the body. The key is safety.

RAYMOND FUJINO has been in karate for ten years and is a 3rd degree black belt. For instructors there are ten levels in the black belt, for students, 10 colors. With him are two other instructors with 2nd degree black belts. The DOJO TRAINING SCHOOL is affiliated with a club at the U of A, mostly students. Raymond and his group have demonstrated at the Heritage Festival a number of times and the first time at the Fringe Theatre, this year.

Last September and October, FUJINO SEN SEI went to Tokyo to train at the main school in the GOJU school or style. It is represented in 50 countries around the world. There were more foreigners at this than Japanese. He made many contacts there and now feels optimistic about inviting other instructors to Canada. He also attended the International Seminar in Japan in which instructors from 10 other countries participated. An instructor and two of his students will be going to Australia soon, for a seminar, at which time more ideas will be exchanged and brought back. OOO

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Rundle Park was the new location for the annual EJCA RAIN OR SHINE PICNIC. The ohisan beamed on the 267 picknickers who ranged in age from a few months to 91 year young MRS. KIKUCHI. This annual event has been ongoing for 40 plus years. This year we noted that there was a four generation family in attendance. Included in MRS. YUKIYE MATSUBA'S descendants were her daughter KAY MIYAGISHIMA, grandson DOUG

EDMONTON YOSEIKAN KARATE CLUB

Registration for introductory Karate classes is now underway at the Edmonton Yoseikan Karate Club. The Yoseikan Karate Dojo is a non-profit club which has taught Chito-ryu Karate in Edmonton since 1970.

Chito-ryu Karate is a traditional karate style which emphasizes healthy physical development, natural techniques, proper posture and the application of fundamental principles.

Far from being an aggressive, destructive system, Karate is a refined discipline, intent on the development of each individual's maximum potential. The true spirit of Karate-do is one of non-violence and peace.

Classes for adults and Juniors are held at 7246-A 101 Ave. The dojo is open evenings, Monday thru Thursday and Saturday mornings at 10 am. (Phone: 469-7129)

As a method of physical fitness, Karate develops all aspects of fitness equally: strength, stamina, flexibility and co-ordination.

Karate offers the following:

1. Progressive development through definite stages of skills and conditioning.
2. Individualized training programs in which individuals progress at their own rate within the general class.
3. Unlimited potential for continued study. There are more aspects to Karate than anyone could learn in a lifetime.

(Note also the ad in the ad section) OOO



MIYAGISHIMA, granddaughter SHARON HOUGH, great-grandchildren CAROLYN and LAUREN MIYAGISHIMA and BRANDON and MIRANDA HOUGH.

THE Koi nobori billowing in the wind identified the site once again where all the day's activities were held - commencing with the all important obento. This was followed by a variety of races, suika wari, bingo and baseball games. As always a good time was had by all...see you all next year! OOO

NORTHWEST NAMUKAI TAIKO A HIGHLIGHT AT 1986 HERITAGE DAYS

In April this yr, the EJCA executive decided to have a taiko group as the feature focus at the Japanese Pavilion at the tenth Heritage Days festival. We contacted the Northwest Namukai Taiko of Seattle. That group accepted and eight members of Namukai Taiko joined us. (One thing that helped--they were anxious to see West Edmonton Mall!)

Namukai Taiko is a little over two years old. They have 15 members, ranging in age from the late 20's to the 40's. They come from various backgrounds: architect, nurse, government executive, psychologist and teachers. Several were musically talented in other instruments.

The group (4 women and 4 men) arrived in Edmonton on Saturday, Aug. 2, but due to some hitches with customs, their drums did not arrive until much later that day. Thus, the group was whisked to West Edmonton Mall and Water Park where they spent the afternoon. That night, after a late supper at the Shogun Restaurant, they practiced until Hawrelak Park closed for the night.

The Namukai Taiko played two performances each day, one of which was on the Main Stage for the Heritage Day Festival Gala. Their program consisted of four different drum compositions with variations in tempo and syn-copation.

The response from the Festival crowd was overwhelming. Huge crowds sat or stood around the Japanese Pavilion during each performance. At the last performance on Monday, when the audience were allowed to try the drums, a huge crowd mingled with the drummers.

The visiting performers were: Don Kato (president), Janet Kubota, Richard Higa, Scott Kamimae, Akemi Matsumoto, Kenan Kane, Karen Akada and Char Ohashi. They were welcomed and pilleted by the Sunaharas, Kado-nagas and the Shimizus. The group themselves were so taken by Edmonton, several members expressed a desire to return here to help organize a workshop, should there be interest in starting a taiko group in Edmonton.

Judging by the the keen interest expressed by many, the prospect for an Edmonton Taiko group is a distinct possibility. Look for announcements of a workshop sometime this winter.

-Henry Shimizu

TAIKO WORKSHOP SET FOR OCTOBER 4 & 5

The EJCA is sponsoring a taiko workshop on October 4-5, with members of Kataritai Taiko of Vancouver. This is the oldest taiko group in Canada, formed in 1979, performed widely in Canada and U.S., and assisted in the formation and development of other groups in Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal.

Basic drumming rhythms and techniques will be demonstrated, with hands-on participation for all interested participants. This workshop will also serve as an initial organizational meeting for the proposed Edmonton taiko group.

Anyone (no age limit, male and female) interested or assisting in organizing a taiko group in Edmonton, please contact Allan Hoyano at 454-0546 (evening) or 462-4646 (daytime). If you wish to attend the workshop, please call for details (the place and hour) - Allan would like a preliminary head-count. OOO



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肝つぶす猛烈社員

松田靖之の妻は、夫の寝言でよく起された。

「もつと頑張れ」

突然、大きな声を出す夫の方を見やると、寝苦しそうだ。「外国にまで来て、夫は、なんでこれほど苦しめなければならないのか」と思ったことは何度もある。

電子複写機を主力製品とする英国キヤノン（キヤノンの子会社）の事務機器事業部長が松田である。七年前にオランダ・アムステルダムに派遣され、電卓を売っていたが、八一年にイギリスに転勤を命じられた。

しかし、国際部門の社員は手薄だったから、後任がすぐ来ず、松田の二重生活が始まった。

夕食のおにぎりをバッグに入れて、日曜日の昼、アムステルダムをたづ。安ホテルに泊まり込み、木曜日までロンドン郊外の英国キヤノンで、複写機の販売網作りで没頭する。とって返して、週末は前任地の業務整理に明け暮れる。

二重生活は三か月で終わったが、イギリスにきてても、午後十時以前に家に帰ることはなかった。ヨーロッパの人たちが知った

ら肝をつぶすような猛烈社員である。日本の複写機メーカーが競ってヨーロッパに輸出攻勢をかけたためだ。

キヤノンは八四年、性能のいい卓上型複写機で大ヒットを飛ばし、ヨーロッパの売り上げを記録した。他の日本メーカーも顔色を変え、激しい販売競争が今も続いている。猛烈社員は松田ばかりではない。

「キヤノンを抜き返せ。日本のライバルに負けるな」

日本の本社から、テレックスで指令が打ち込まれてくる。比べる対象は日本メーカーで、横（身内）に抜かれたら大ごとだ。それは二機並ぶ意識が強い。

またダンピング提訴

利益を度外視した激しい競争だ。狭い日本にライバルがひしめく過当競争が、そのままヨーロッパに移植されたのである。

七九年—二〇%
八四年—九〇%
キヤノン、シャープ、リコー

など日本勢は、またたくうちに

ヨーロッパ市場を制覇してしまっただ。

「なんてバカなことをしたのだろう。しかし、わかっていてもやめられなかった」

日本人駐在員の口から、タメ息がもれてくる。ヨーロッパ・メーカーのランク・ゼロックス、オリベッティなど五社が、日本メーカー十三社を欧州共同体（EC）にダンピング（不当な安売り）提訴し、五月にもクロの判決が下されそうな気配だからだ。

クロになれば、三〇%もの相殺関税が課せられ、価格は大幅に引き上げられる。

「日本は、いりもせず、また同じことをやった」

欧州メーカーの販売担当者、口を開けば、日本を批判する。日本メーカーは、電子タイプライターでも乱売合戦をやり、八四年末にダンピングと認定、三五%もの相殺関税をかけられたばかりだからだ。価格が急騰して、売り上げが三分の一に落ちたところもある。

「市場かく乱の犯人は、いつも日本だ。できるだけ短期間に最大のシェアを取ろうと乱売合戦をする」

「日本よ、いい加減」

ヨーロッパ製事務機器を扱う商社、アロの部長、R・シニアにとって、日本は苦々しくてならない。

ヨーロッパやアメリカのメーカーは、伝統的に利益を大切にする。利益を犠牲にしてまでシェアを伸ばす企業を毛嫌いする。

もっとも、日本メーカーの競争は価格だけに限らない。目まぐるしく新製品を登場させてくる。ライバルに少しでも先行して、差をつけるためだ。

コピーの拡大・縮小機能に始まり、自由なサイズがとれるズーム方式、多色コピー、両面コピー……。ライバルがシノギを削って、果てしない性能アップの競争を続ける。

「ヨーロッパは、おつとして、いるからついていけない。コピーをとれさえすればいいと、ゆつたり働いている。日本が異常なんだ」

シニアは、ヨーロッパ・メーカーのシリをたたく気にはなれない。「日本よ、いい加減にしろ」といいたいのだ。

一社が進出すれば、次から次にライバル企業が追従する。身内だけで比べ合う横並び意識を海外でも引き出しにするから、過当競争がすぐ起きる。

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ニューヨークの高級イタリア・レストランで、日本の団体観光客が入ってきた。

「待て、待て」

大変に失礼な対応で、他の国のお客には、こんな態度で接するとは考えられない。

マネジャーが不可解な応答をしたのも訳がある。日本人は一人が注文すると、「われもわれも」と同じメニューを頼む習性があるからだ。下手に口をすべらせて、お勘め品を教えるものなら、材料がアツという間に底をつく。だから身構えたのだ。

日本人の横並び主義が、こんなところでも嫌われている。



読売新聞に連載されたこの記事は日本の方から送ってきたもので、次号にも続けて載せていきたいと思ひます。

もしもし

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ヘリテージデイフェスティバル

七米でも十指に数えられるようになったヘリテージフェスティバルは好天気にめぐまれて日本館もエ・ナカムラの総指揮のもとに賑やかで大成功に終わりました。シアトルから参加した太鼓グループの太鼓はヘリテージデイの雰囲気にとりあっていたので会場を魅了させました。食べ物の部は例年のごとく大にシニヤーのおすしは瞬く間に売り切れになりました。船越総領事夫人の御好意で登尾さんが作ったおまんじゅうやたいやきも好評で、行列は組むことがありませんでした。クラフトの部でもハッピーよく売れましたし、折り紙モバイルも大変人気でした。子供たちの折り紙コーナーも人垣ができて参加した子供たちはにこにこ顔で応対、得意に「くる」や「かえる」を折り続けて日本館のスターでした。また、「盆栽クラブ」や「碁クラブ」も例年のごとく大活躍でした。尚、詳しい会計報告は次号に掲載されます。御期待ください。

ピクニック

天でも晴天でも関わりなくできるということで、このピクニックははじめてランドルパークで行なわれました。鯉のぼりが泳ぐのをみながら、三ヶ月の赤ちゃんから九十一才おばあさんまで約260名が集まりお弁当をたべたり、ゲームをしたり楽しい時をすごしました。とくに、松葉さん一家は四世代が揃って賑やかでした。

お知らせ

年次総会

今年は九月二十八日(日)、五時から、リンナン・レストラン(10582-104 St.)で、カルガリー大学医学部学部長ワタナベ博士をむかえて開かれます。五時半から夕食(一人15ドル、サービス込み)、六時半から、役員選出、会費改正などの議事となります。その外、奨学金贈呈、それに今年度は一等に北米のどこへ行ってもいい航空券や日系人関係の出版物などにあたる福引などもあります。出席されるかたはフロー(466-1059)か、ルーシー(469-3260)に御連絡ください。

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十月四、五日バンクーバーのかたりだいこのメンバーを招いてグループ結成・練習始めをしたいと予定しております。興味のあるかたアラン・ホヤノ(昼462-646、夜454-0546)まで御連絡ください。

会員申し込みについて

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