

Seniors Lunch & Bake Sale

A Fundraiser for EJCA Seniors' Activities

Date: Saturday May 13, 2006

Place: EJCA Cultural Centre
6750 - 88 Street, Edmonton

Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm



Lunch items available for eat in or take out!
(Chow mein, curry rice, inari-zushi, futomaki, and more)

EJCA Seniors Bake Sale!

Please bring a donation of your special goodies to help the seniors bake sale!

For further information about the Lunch and/or Bake Sale or to volunteer,
please contact Toshiko (434-2361) or Noriko (475-7339)



Wa No Niwa Winter Scenes

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EJCA Mission & Vision Statements

Mission

- To facilitate the development of an inclusive and vibrant Japanese Canadian Community within a multicultural Edmonton.
- To support the objectives of the National Association of Japanese Canadians by promoting respect and harmony among people of various cultures in the Edmonton area.

Vision

- A dynamic and evolving community that sustains a sense of well-being built upon awareness of Japanese heritage in Canada.

President's Corner

Mike Murakami

Happy Spring everyone!

Yup! The March 18th record breaking 25-35 cm, short-lived snow - truly wasn't a pigment of our imagination!!

While we just experienced Alberta's 100th anniversary, our EJCA community has much to celebrate too. After 60 years in Edmonton, Henry and Joan Shimizu will be leaving for Victoria about the first week of May. Henry first arrived in Edmonton from the New Denver Internment Camp in 1946; Joan was born in Wetaskiwin Alberta. They are sad to leave their children and friends here, but this move was anticipated for a few years. As they have had a place in Victoria for 20 years, it will not be a major move. Their new address is # 6, 4771 Cordova Bay Road, Victoria, B.C. V8Y 2J7 Ph. (250) 658-1874 e-mail: docshimizu@yahoo.com

At the same time as "Doc" Henry contributed significantly to Edmonton, the NAJC Redress Foundation and medicine - he noted at the recent EJCA seniors lunch that his professional success - and success in other endeavors (Order of Canada) to the support provided by many key people in Edmonton. We are proud of you Henry, wish you and Joan well on their planned world trips -- "May the road rise to meet you..."

Some of you may know that Dave Trautman is leaving us as the Centre Manager this March. Dave is, however, a member of the Argyll Community League (ACL) Board - so I'm sure you will still see him around the Centre from time to time. We will miss the special talents Dave brought to the position. Many thanks Dave, and we wish you all the best success - as you pursue other opportunities!

The EJCA Board, in cooperation with the Argyll Community League Board, has started the recruiting process which we anticipate will take about two months. The Recruiting Committee has posted a preliminary ad in this issue of the Moshi Moshi and will also advertise in a variety of community publications.

In the meantime, Mari Sutton has agreed to take responsibility for the cleaning of the Centre. In early April and through the recruiting process, Ken Tanaka will take over the management of the Centre with respect to such responsibilities as facility bookings, general maintenance and reporting to the Boards. We are very fortunate to have Ken agree to assume this interim role because of his experience as the Centre Manager a few years ago. Welcome out of retirement (for the interim), Ken!

EJCA and UNAC presentation and screening of the film "Caught in Between" and Henry Shimizu's "Image of Internment Exhibit" at the University of Alberta International Week 2006 was a great success. The evaluation comments of the 65 people who attended our session indicated - the participation was inspiring and enriching and contributed in turning them on to caring about Human Rights. Participation

was around 7,000 when you include those who attended other events such as the Stephen Lewis Address, the Opening Ceremonies and the Concert.

Upcoming, EJCA and ACL Community BBQ...

As the recent EJCA and ACL Joint Board meeting was probably the first since 1994, it was agreed the two Boards should perhaps meet more often. And, it was unanimously agreed that a "Joint Community BBQ" would be a "delicious and informal" way to begin connecting folks in both communities. While members from both communities assist in staffing each others Casino fundraisers, the sharing in the preparation and enjoyment of food on the Centre's magnificent park area and Japanese garden would be - a great way to connect with more of our neighbours in the surrounding areas as well. They will be surprised to see that the EJCA community of ongoing users represents a broad multicultural spectrum, from all parts of Edmonton.

As distinct communities are not separate, but rather in-ter-connected threads in the vibrant, cross-cultural community tapestry of South Edmonton, the EJCA and ACL Boards realized a need to work collaboratively to create a local opportunity to connect these threads. To this end, ACL Board member, Alice Mah kindly agreed to be ACL's volunteer event coordinator for the BBQ. This community BBQ will be an awesome community food extravaganza and enjoyable mixer -- and hopefully become an annual event. We'll be seeking volunteer BBQers from the EJCA community. Stay tuned for more details in the next Moshi Moshi.

"One of the things a community is not is a simple geographical aggregation of people." -M. Scott Peck

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES...

Funding our Legacy and Sense of Place:

Now that the fundamentals of the long-awaited Harmony Garden are in place, we're entering the next exciting phase in the evolution of our "Wa No Niwa"! In order to nurture our young garden and experience its emerging beauty over the next years, ongoing financial support will be needed.

If you have skills in investigating avenues for funding through civic grants, corporate sponsorship and individual support; if you have experience in fund-raising activities if you are interested in applying your expertise, talents and ideas in bringing to fruition a community vision join the Garden Fund-Raising Committee. Make a difference!

Volunteers will be needed for the primary committee and for future sub-committees. If interested, please contact me by email at: bydesignedm@shaw.ca. Spring is a great time to come by to get acquainted with the Garden, and to visit the Centre!

I Feel the Community Spirit Coming Over Me Again... 2006 Heritage Festival

Megan Jones

The EJCA will be participating in Heritage Days this year. The festival runs Saturday, August 5 through Monday, August, 7. Last year, the Edmonton Heritage Festival Association awarded the Japan pavilion second place for overall presentation. We fell short because we were missing a sign saying "Japan" to indicate which pavilion we were. John Priegert has dusted off his chisel and mallet and is carving us one, so look for the pavilion to win first place in August.

You wanted it, you got it.

In 2004, the EJCA Board reassessed the community's participation in Heritage Days, which has been ongoing for more than 25 years. Many of the directors felt that the time had come for the EJCA to withdraw from the festival. Most pavilion organizers had been involved since the beginning of the festival, were burnt out, and could no longer commit the long hours and hard work that go into running the pavilion each year.

Still, the directors consulted with a number of external groups involved in the festival, and in response to their desire to see the pavilion continue, formed an independent Heritage Days Organizing Committee (HOC).

HOC is made up of two representatives each from the EJCA Board and the Metro Edmonton Japanese Community School (MEJCS), plus one representative from each participating group like Kita no Taiko, Northern Alberta Alumni Association (NAJETAA), Gojukai Karate or Keifukai Calligraphy. Members of the committee take on various duties necessary bring the Japanese community together and put the pavilion up.

Total number of volunteers needed, all told? More than 150 people.

Yakitori prep: 75 volunteers needed to chop, weigh, stab 5000 skewers, and more.

Set-up and tear down: 30 volunteers needed to sort, load, drive, unload, store, and more.

Craft tent: 15 volunteers per shift (30 per day) needed to sell, dress, shoot, snap, and more.

Kitchen: 12 volunteers per shift (24 per day) to chop, cook, serve, collect, and more.

Chip in. "Many hands make light work" and you'll be there.

In January 2006, the EJCA and MEJCS agreed that the school

2006 Pavilion Organizers

Kitchen Coordinator
Scott Sutton (EJCA)

Tent Coordinator
Vacant

Transportation Coordinator
John Priegert (Gojukai Karate)

Volunteer Coordinators
Sherry Fulton (Kendo)
Megan Jones (MEJCS)

Performance Coordinator
Donna Dawson (Kendo)

would no longer organize the kitchen. This substantial change has placed full responsibility for the organization of the pavilion on the shoulders of HOC. As many community members know, Heritage Days requires a tremendous amount of planning and work each year. In addition to tending to the preparations that begin months ahead of the festival, most organizers end up working straight through the August long weekend, from tent set-up on Friday afternoon, 'til late Monday night returning equipment to a storage trailer parked on a farm near Beaumont.

HOC's goals are to expand the number of core volunteers who organize the pavilion from year to year, to share the organizers' knowledge with the community and to build new ideas for and commitment to the Japan pavilion.

I was not at Heritage Days last summer, but I remember the camaraderie of all involved the year before last. We had a big turn out and great support from so many people. It worked, you know, the idea of a whole and healthy community, when everyone pulled together. We shared real sense of doing something important for others, and for ourselves. I hope I can revisit those happy days again this August. Let's do it, eh! Gambarimashou!

HOC is looking for a tent coordinator, as well as assistant kitchen, tent, transportation, volunteer and performance coordinators. If you have the time to meet for two hours once an month, and can work the August long weekend, please come forward to volunteer for one of these positions. HOC could use your help.

Save the Historic Joy Kogawa House!

EJCA has made a donation to the campaign to save and protect the south Vancouver home that writer Joy Kogawa grew up in and wrote about in the novel *Obasan*. EJCA members are urged to donate to the campaign; deadline is April 30, 2006. For more information see <www.conservancy.bc.ca> or the back page of this issue of Moshi Moshi (page 14).

Cultural/Community Centre Manager Position

The Edmonton Japanese Community Association and the Argyll Community League are looking for a highly motivated person to manage its Cultural/Community Centre. Information about the Centre is available at www.ejca.org **This a part-time contract position.**

Duties Include (but not limited to):

- Facility cleaning
- Managing of Centre rentals
- Overseeing Centre maintenance & security
- Reporting to EJCA and ACL Boards

Skills & Knowledge Required:

- Grade 12
- Computer skills for: data input and generating monthly Board reports
- Excellent communication & interpersonal skills
- Excellent organizational & time management skills
- Facility management experience desirable
- Sensitivity to cross-cultural issues
- Japanese language ability is an asset, but not necessary

Please Note: Candidate must submit three references, and be willing to submit to a criminal record check. Please e-mail application letter and resume to Wray Tsuji at: wrayt@telusplanet.net

Deadline for Submission: April 24, 2006

Sukiyaki Night

Cathy Tennant & Edie Nagata

It was an unusually warm night for Edmonton on February 11th this year. So, we all had to imagine snow blowing outside, fingers freezing and the temperature dropping to 20 degrees below, as we sat down to the annual EJCA Sukiyaki Dinner, a time-honoured Japanese winter meal.

Sharing an enjoyable evening with family, friends and new acquaintances over a dinner prepared by a private chef and assistant, learning something about how to cook the traditional sukiyaki dinner, tasting the delicious blend of thinly sliced beef and vegetables cooked in a special broth, and finally sitting back completely satisfied ... what more could you want?

More?? Well, how about games and prizes for children and adults. There was fierce competition to see who got their "Getting to Know You" (Konnichi Wa) Bingo card signed by the right people, and who could guess the "Mystery Person or Thing"! The young people especially asked some brain-stumping questions and everyone showed a lot of great table-teamwork!

This year we had a record number of volunteers helping to make the evening a big success over 35 people were working

behind the scenes, showing their skills at the dinner tables and cleaning up. It was a team of regular volunteers, new volunteers, NAJETTAA members and visiting students. Our "thank-you" list doesn't include those people who always seem to be around at the end of the night when we need chairs and tables taken down ... so a special thanks to these "un-named" volunteers.

Thanks to our all of the Sukiyaki Night volunteers for sharing their time and expertise ... domo arigato!

Noriko Fujino, Toshiko Yamamoto, Aiko Kawawada, Yuko Nakano, Mineko Sasano, Grace Fujino, Mami Hara, Naomi Leroy, Joyce Kiyooka, Sandy Nakashima, Midori Tanaka, Yuri Nakano, Nancy Cyr, Mike Murakami, Dave Trautman, Jim Hoyano, Ken Tanaka, Mrs. Aita, Alder Currie, Hiroko Currie, Gretchen Phillips, Scott Sutton, Monica Johnson, Mr. Aita, Florence Ingham, Genevieve Golan, Noriko Lasalle, Shinya Nakamoto, Tanya Berry, Dave Sulz, Yumiko Hoyano, Taka Konno, Gayle Ingham-Ells.

Guess we all proved that sukiyaki is great no matter what the weather! See you all next year!

2006 BAZAAR

This year, our spring bazaar is moving to the fall to become the "Fall Fundraising Fun Fair" for children of all ages. As always, there will be many things Japanese, including lunch and "take-aways". But watch for lots of new and exciting additions!

Keep your eyes and ears open for updates on opportunities to share your ideas and to come out and be part of the fun!

If we've already got you interested in being involved in the planning, let us know

Cathy (tennant@shaw.ca or 436-6291) or Edie (484-5495).



Henry Kojima, NAJC President

Interesting how the mind works: When you're a child, you focus exclusively on today and now; as a young adult, your thoughts are to the future; and as a senior, you reflect more and more upon the past. I guess that this is the natural order of things in most people's lives. So, too, for many organizations and communities.

But for any organization, community (or individual) to be alive, vibrant and relevant, its mindset has to be in all three places at once—understanding of and learning from the past, grappling with the immediate issues of today and charting a course to where you want to be in the future. Every successful entity, in my opinion, is grounded with these three attributes.

From my perspective, I believe that the Japanese Canadian community, like many others, focuses most of its attention on the present and the past. This approach isn't necessarily a bad one, but it's important to recognize that it is very limiting and, at best, perpetuates the maintenance of the status quo. It's understandable to take this approach...it's easier, and the risks are minimal. But, like the swimmer doing a slow dogpaddle upstream, you'll never move forward; instead, you'll gradually drift backwards and, for sure, never get to the other side... (assuming that you have a goal of getting to the other side).

It's tough work planning for and executing actions into the future. The risks of failure can be high, and you're wide open to criticism at every step along the way. But if our community is to grow and be relevant in the lives of our members, we have to embed future-oriented directions into the mix as we deal with the present. Let's value and learn from the past...not be trapped by it. We should be focused on addressing not only the needs

of our current community, but also anticipating the very different situation of a future generation.

An area that comes to mind where we are doing some good stuff is in history preservation. When you think about it, our history is an invaluable resource and can play an important role in shaping the values and beliefs of our community into the future. Not to minimize the great work undertaken by so many of our communities across Canada, but the efforts put forth by the JCCC in Toronto with their Sedai project are to be applauded and supported. Similarly, the Asahi Baseball Team Exhibition produced by the National Nikkei Museum & Heritage Centre in Vancouver is, in part, an example of learning from the past to guide us with greater insight in dealing with our future.

As well, the JC internment experience during the Second World War positioned our community to take a leadership position in fighting racism and discrimination now and in the future. Human rights issues that came to the fore after September 11, 2001 such as racial profiling, for example, had been experienced by our community many decades previous. Lina Hoshino's DVD Caught In Between clearly draws a stark parallel between the treatment of Muslims in the U.S. immediately after 9/11 and Japanese Americans during WW11. The degree to which our community is committed now to preserving and promoting human rights will determine the face and character of our community in the future.

As I said previously, it's not easy thinking and implementing actions with the future in mind. But not to do so, clearly positions us in the same way as trying to swim up the creek without a paddle.

Hina Matsuri Open House -March 4, 2006

This year's Hina Doll display was held on March 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm as an open house. On the same day a group of 35 Girl Guides and their leaders were meeting in the Centre hall doing various activities, and learning about other cultures, including Japan. So they were happy to have the opportunity to see the doll display and learn more about the Hina Matsuri tradition. Also, about a dozen small children, mostly of Japanese heritage, came to see the display with their parents and enjoyed playing games that their parents brought to the Centre. They were there all afternoon, and took some photos with the doll display as well.

Throughout the afternoon, people dropped in and chatted with friends while sipping tea and eating sweets.

The doll display was on for one week, and during that time the Brownie group and students who came to participate in the Japan Today program also had the opportunity to view the Hina Doll display.

Thank you to those who helped set up and take down the dolls: Toshiko Yamamoto, Nancy Cyr, Cathy Tennant, Hyoko Baxter, Edie Nagata, Bob Tennant, and some members of the Karaoke club.

Takeo 'Tak' Nagata, 1924 - 2006

On March 6, 2006 when Tak Nagata passed away peacefully, EJCA lost a most dedicated member. Tak has been associated with EJCA for more than 50 years, and served as EJCA Treasurer for more than 40 consecutive years. During his years as treasurer, his dedicated overseeing of EJCA finances made the work of other board members that much easier, not having to worry about financial matters. Tak's immaculate record keeping is a major reason that EJCA's financial situation is in such good standing.

Tak handled the finances for almost all of the hundreds of EJCA events held, and even volunteered his services to affiliated groups such as the golf club and curling club for their regular and special events. His loving wife Sachiko was always at his side during these events. Thank you Tak and Sachiko, and our deepest condolences to Sachiko.

Tak was born September 10, 1924 in Port Alice, B.C., a town on an inlet on the northern end of Vancouver Island. Instead of being interned in the British Columbia interior, the Nagata's chose to move to the sugar beet fields of Southern Alberta as a family. Then in the 1950s Tak moved to Edmonton where he lived until his passing.

In Edmonton Tak was first employed by Muttart Homes and then by Spartan Press for many years in the accounting office. After leaving Spartan Press, Tak looked after the finances for the Mikado Restaurant and then the Shogun Restuarnt where many of you probably saw him until the restaurant was sold to new owners a few years ago.

Tak was an avid sports fan and participant. Bowling was the sport that Tak excelled at, having won a number of trophies; he bowled regularly until a few years ago when his health began to fail. For many years Tak was a season ticket holder of the Edmonton Eskimos football games, even attending games in minus 25 degree weather. He was also an Edmonton Oilers fan watching all their games on television, and knew the stats for each player.

On a personal note, Tak was a very natty dresser, usually wearing a coat & tie whenever he went out. Although he was slender, he always had a good appetite, and his favorite dish was the black cod served at the Shogun restaurant. Tak was a quiet man, but he was very observant and many times knew what you wanted even before you asked him.

Our deepest condolences to Sachiko, and we are here to support you in any way we can. May Tak rest in peace.

Takeo "Tak" Nagata

On March 6, 2006 Tak Nagata passed away peacefully at the age of 81 years.

He is survived by his loving wife Sachiko; two brothers Tosh and Sho (Rose); his sister-in-law Ruth and his sister-in-law Haruko Adachi and brother-in-law Masao (Eiko) Kadonaga both in Japan as well as many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. Tak was predeceased by his parents Kikumatsu and Fuyu and his brothers Mits and Sat.

A Memorial Service with Pastor Yuri Nakano officiating was held Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 2:00 pm at Appel Funeral Home/Central Memorial Chapel, 10530 - 116 Street, Edmonton, AB.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 11, 2006	EJCA Board Meeting, at the Centre beginning at 7:00 pm
April 26, 2006	EJCA Seniors Club meeting, at the Centre beginning at 11:00 am
May 9, 2006	EJCA Board Meeting, at the Centre beginning at 7:00 pm
May 13, 2006	Seniors Lunch & Bake Sale, at the Centre, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
May 24, 2006	EJCA Seniors Club meeting, at the Centre beginning at 11:00 am
June 10, 2006	Community Barbecue & Field Day, at the Centre beginning at 10:00 am
June 13, 2006	EJCA Board Meeting, at the Centre beginning at 7:00 pm
June 28, 2006	EJCA Seniors Club meeting, at the Centre beginning at 11:00 am

Mami Hara ...Sayonara!

by Cathy Tennant



In the January-February issue of the Moshi Moshi, Yumiko Hoyano wrote an article for the Japanese section about her interview with Mami Hara. We didn't have time to translate the article into English for this issue, but I wanted to share some of Mami's background and experiences before she returns to

Japan in April. Because this is not a direct translation, not all of the information in last issue's article is covered but I've added a few things that I've learned about Mami over the past two years.

Mami arrived in Edmonton in mid-October, 2003 on a "working holiday" visa and immediately entered the ELTC program to learn English. Very often, Mami would tell me that while she was in Canada, she wanted to try different things and meet different people ... and this desire is evident in how she purposely chose to be involved in many diverse activities, quite unusual for most visitors to foreign countries. In fact, she filled her time in Canada with a surprising number of experiences.

Mami came from **Yamaguchi-ken** in Japan from a small town just a five minute walk from the ocean. It was quite an adventure coming to the wide-open prairies and land-locked Edmonton many, many miles from a glimpse of the ocean and the scent of sea air which were a part of her everyday life in Japan. Why did she choose Edmonton? Someone from Edmonton had come to teach English at her school and they described Edmonton as a place where life wasn't hard and a place that wasn't too big.

While attending school and living with a home-stay family in Edmonton, Mami found a job at the "Kobe Bistro" with her host-mother's help. She worked at the Kobe Bistro until October 2004 on her "working holiday" visa. At the restaurant, she met Yuko Nakano and with her help, joined the Wakaba-kai dance group. Mami got to know the members who, she says, were very kind to her and the Wakaba-kai director, Keiko Frueh, whose kindness Mami especially appreciates.

In May 2004, she joined the EJCA which she was introduced to by Nakano-san. Starting off by helping at the Seniors' Bake Sale that year, Mami became a regular volunteer, helping out at almost every EJCA event over the next 2 years (for example, the Children's Christmas parties, the New Year's Potlucks, Oden

Dinner and Movie Night in 2004, summer picnic, Sukiyaki Dinners, the NAJC conference in the fall of 2005, and the Dinner Theatre and BBQ). Mami felt that she gradually got to know many different people through these activities.

From December 2004, Mami started to volunteer with the Edmonton Meals on Wheels about 3 times a week until mid-March of this year. She used this experience and her background as a dietician to become an important part of our Bento-To-Go Pilot Program, which prepared and delivered meals to individuals each week for four weeks in the late spring of 2005.

With the Wakaba-kai dance group and as a member of the Awa Odori group, Mami was part of memorable performances at the Devonian Gardens for the Spring Festival, at City Hall for the Hiroshima Days Ceremony, in Vegreville for the **Pisanka** Festival and at the Heritage Days Festival. She also became a regular participant in the Japan Today Program for grade 7 students who visit the Centre to learn about Japanese history, language and culture. Many will also have seen Mami dance at the New Year Wakaba-kai performance at the Centre and may have recognized her even under her Awa Odori hat when she performed in the background for one of the Karaoke contestants.

Mami felt that some of her most exciting experiences would not have been possible in Japan ... being part of Alberta's 100th Anniversary Celebration ceremonies in her kimono (in the pouring rain), standing almost within touching-distance from Queen Elizabeth, and meeting and speaking with Princess **Takamado** during her visit to Edmonton!

Mami is now taking her second trip to Eastern Canada by bus, to spend time in Quebec City, which she missed on her first whirl-wind trip to Toronto and Montreal. Maybe we can persuade her to write about her impressions for one of our future issues of Moshi Moshi.

So, as she returns to Japan, Mami has fulfilled her wish. She takes with her memories of meeting different people, visiting different places and trying different things ... but she leaves with us, memories of someone whose gentle enthusiasm, generosity and humour will be missed, a wonderful example for anyone wanting to enrich their experience when living in a foreign country.

Ki o tsukete ... Sayonara, Mami-san!

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シニア・クラブのランチとバークセール

シニア活動のための資金作り

日時：5日13日（土曜日） 午前11時から午後3時

場所：EJCAカルチャー・センター 6750 - 88 Street

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和の庭 冬景色

EJCA会長の言葉

マイク・ムラカミ

3月18日の25-35センチの記録的積雪はあなたの幻覚じゃありませんでしたよ。

私たちがアルバータ100年祭を祝っている間にもEJCAでも祝うことがあります。今まで60年間エドモントンに住んでいたヘンリーとジョーン・清水夫妻は5月の始めにビクトリアへ移ります。ヘンリーはインターンメント・キャンプ・ニューデンバーからエドモントンへ1946年来ました。ジョーンはアルバータ州のワタスキワンに生まれました。ヘンリーもジョーンも子供達や友達を後にすることは悲しいことだと言っていますが、この引っ越しは数年前から予定されていたことでした。彼らはビクトリアに住居を20年前から持っていますから知らない所へ行く訳ではありません。新しい住所は#6, 4771 Cordova Bay Road, Victoria, BC. V8Y 2J7. 電話は(250) 658-1874. e-mail: docshimizu@yahoo.com

ヘンリーはエドモントン、NAJCRドレス基金、医学へ偉大な貢献をしましたが、彼は最近のシニア・クラブでのランチで彼の職業的成功やその他の面（オーダー・オブ・カナダ）での成功はエドモントンでの数多くの主要な人たちの支援によるものだと言っていました。私たちはヘンリーを誇りに思っています、そして世界旅行を楽しんでください。

もうかなりの人たちがデーブ・トラウトマンが3月でセンター・マネージャーを辞めたことをご存じでしょう。ですがデーブはアーガイル・コミュニティ・リーグ(ACL)の役員ですから今後も時々センターで彼を見かける事と思います。私たちはデーブが仕事へ持ってきてくれた特別なタレントを失うこととなります。デーブ、これから新しい機会を追求するにあたり成功をお祈りします。

EJCA役員会はACL役員会と協力して新マネージャー採用の過程を始めました。この過程には2ヶ月を要すると思われます。来月始め、採用委員会は「もしもし」や数々のコミュニティ広報誌に広告を出します。

新マネージャーが見つかるまではマリ・サトンがセンターの清掃を担当し、その他のセンターマネージャーの仕事：ブッキング、メンテナンス、役員会への報告などをケン・タナカが担当します。幸運にも以前センターマネージャーをしていたケンがリタイアメントがら出てきて臨時マネージャーを引き受けてくれました。

アルバータ大学インターナショナル・ウィーク2006でのEJCAとUNACプレゼンテーションと"Caught in Between"映写、ヘンリー・シミズの"Images of Internment Exhibition"は成功でした。私たちの部門に参加した内の65名の評価によると「参加したことで奨励され、豊になり、人権について意識することに貢献した」、とありました。スティーブ・ルイスの講演会や開会式、コンサートなどに参加した人たちを加えると参加者は約7千人になりました。

EJCAとACLコミュニティBBQ

最近のEJCAとACL役員会の会合は1994年来初めてのことで、両方の役員会はもっと会うべきだと言うことに合意しました。そこで合同コミュニティBBQは「おいしくてインフォーマル」な形で両方のコミュニティを近づける良い方法だと言うことになりました。両方のコミュニティからそれぞれのカジノを手伝ったりはしますが、センター周りの公園や「和の庭」で一緒に調理して食べることは近辺の人たちと知り合うには良い方法です。彼らはEJCAセンターの定期的な利用者はエドモントンの広い多重文化性を示す事を見て驚く事でしょう。

独特なコミュニティは別々ではなく、むしろ南エドモントンの活発な、文化の入り交じったタピストリーの糸のように交錯しているように、EJCAとACL役員会はこれらの糸を結ぶ地域的な機会を協力して作る必要があることを認識しました。この目的のためにACL役員、アリス・マはBBQのためのなるALCのボランティア・コーディネーターとなりました。このコミュニティBBQはすばらしいコミュニティ・フード・イクストラバガンザで楽しい交流会となるでしょう。そしてこれが恒例となれば良いと思います。EJCAコミュニティからBBQをしてくれるボランティアを募ります。「もしもし」次号の詳細をお楽しみに。

成長の機会：

私たちの「遺産と居場所」のための資金作り：長らく待っていた「和の庭」の基本的な部分がようやく出来上がり、これから次の段階に入ります。これからは私たちの若い庭を慈しみ育て上げる段階です。そのためには継続的な資金作りが必要です。

もしあなたが公的な資金、会社スポンサー、個人的な寄付などを調べる技術を持っていたら、もしあなたが資金作りに経験があれば、もしあなたがあなたの特技、才能、アイデアを用いてコミュニティのビジョンを成熟させることに興味がありましたらガーデン資金作り委員会に参加しませんか。

ボランティアは始めの委員会とそれに伴う将来の副委員会で必要です。もし興味がありましたら私まで連絡ください。e-mail bydesignedm@shaw.ca 春はお庭を訪れるには良い季節です。そしてセンターも訪問してください。



すき焼きの夕べ

キャシー・テナント、イディー・ナガタ

今年の2月11日は常になく暖かい夜でした。日本の冬の伝統的な食事、EJCA恒例の「すき焼きデナー」の席に着いた時は、私たちは戸外は吹雪、指先は凍り、気温は零下20度だと想像しなければなりませんでした。

あなたのためのシェフとその助手が調理してくれる夕食の席で家族、友達、新しく会った人たちと楽しい一時期を過ごし、すき焼きの作り方を習い、特別な「だし」の中で煮えた牛肉や野菜をたっぷり食べて最後にはすっかり満足してのんびりと座っている、など、それ以上に望むことなんてありませんよね。

もっと？ 大人と子供のためのゲームはどうですか？「知り合いになる（今日は）」と言うビンゴ・カードに名前を書き入れ、「謎の人物と物」を当てる激しい競争が行われていました。若い人たちはもっと難しい質問をしていましたし、テーブルごとのチームワークを示していました。

今年のボランティアの数は最多くこのイベントを成功させる助けをしてくれました。35名以上の人たちが陰の力となって働いたり、デナーテーブルで器用なところを見せたり、後片付けをしました。いつもボランティアをしてくれる人たちに加え

て、新しいボランティアはjet協会からの人たち、留学生などでした。感謝のリストにはいつでも最後まで椅子やテーブルを片付けてくださる人たちは入っていませんのでその方々にまずお礼を申し上げます。

時間と技術を提供して下さった「すき焼きの夕べ」ボランティアの下記皆様に「どうもありがとう」を申し上げます。

ノリコ・フジノ、トシコ・ヤマモト、アイコ・カワワダ、ユエコ・ナカノ、ミネコ・ササノ、グレイス・フジノ、マミ・ハラ、ナオミ・リーロイ、ジョイス・キヨオカ、サンディー・ナカシマ、ミドリ・タナカ、ユリ・ナカノ、ナンシー・シアー、マイク・ムラカミ、デーブ・トラウトマン、ジム・ホヤノ、ケン・タナカ、シゲヨ・アイタ、アルダー・カレー、ヒロコ・カレー、グレチェン・フリップス、スコット・サトン、モニカ・ジョンソン、マサオ・アイタ、フローレンス・インガム、ジェネビーブ・ゴーラン、ノリコ・ラサール、シンヤ・ナカモト、タンヤ・ベリー、デーブ・サルツ、ユミコ・ホヤノ、タカ・コンノ、ゲール・エルス、ソリー・サワダ。

私たちは気候がどうであろうと「すき焼き」はいつでも美味しいと言うことを証明しましたよね。また来年お会いしましょう！

ひな祭り2006

今年のひな祭りは3月4日午後オープンハウス形式で1時から4時まで、センターには2組のひな人形が華やかに飾られました。

同日センターではガールガイドの地域会議があり、参加した35名はひな人形参観もして喜んでいました。10数名の子供達が母親に連れられて参加し、お母さん達の考えた種々のゲームを楽しみました。大人の参加者も開館中は絶え間なくあって、久しぶりの知り合いにあってお茶を飲みながら楽しい交歓のひと時をもっていました。

ひな人形はそれから一週間展示され、その間にはブラウニーの子供達、Japan Todayに来館した中学生たちが見る機会がありました。

ひな人形を飾ったり後片付けのお手伝いくださったトシコ・ヤマモト、ナンシー・シアー、キャシー・テナント、エディ・ナガタ、ボブ・テナント、とヒョウ子・バックスターとカラオケ・クラブの有志の皆様、ありがとうございました。



ヘリテージ・デー、2006

EJCAは今年もヘリテージ・フェスティバルに参加します。このフェスティバルは8月5日(土曜日)から8月7日(月曜日)までです。昨年はエドモントン・ヘリテージ・フェスティバル・アソシエーションは全体的なプレゼンテーションで日本館を第二位にしてくれました。私たちのパビリオンに「日本」と言う文字がなかったのがそこが欠点でした。ジョン・プリガートは「のみ」と金槌の埃を払って字を彫ってくれています。日本館を探してください。今年の8月には一等賞が取れますように。

あなたが欲しいと言ったのです、だからあなたが得たのです。2004年、EJCA役員会は25年も続いていたヘリテージ・フェスティバルへの参加について再検討しました。役員の方々はフェスティバルから引退する時期がきていると感じていました。フェスティバルの初期から毎年日本館をオーガナイズしてきた役員達は日本館を運営するのに必要な長時間と労働に疲れてもうやっていかれないと言う所へ来ていました。

しかし、役員会はフェスティバルに参加する多くのグループに相談しました。そしてそれらのグループが日本館が継続する希望である事を見て、独立ヘリテージ・デー・オーガナイズング委員会(HOC)を作りました。

HOCはEJCAと日本語学校から2名づつの代表、北の太鼓、NAJETTA、剛柔会、景風会などの各グループからは1名で成り立っており、委員たちは日本コミュニティーを一つにして日本館を立てるのに必要な種々の仕事をします。

必要なボランティアの人数は? --- >150名以上

焼き鳥: 75名 — 切って、量り、5000本のくしさし

日本館建設と取り壊し — 30名が仕分け、荷積み、運転、荷下ろし、保管、その他

クラフトテント — 各シフトごと15名(1日30名) セール、着物着せ、写真取り、その他

キッチン — 各シフトごと12名(1日24名) 切り、調理し、売り、その他

参加してください。「多くの手は仕事を楽にします」そしてあなたはそこに居ます。

2006年1月、EJCAと日本語学校間で日本語学校はキッチンを手伝わないことに決定しました。この動きは日本館を運営するHOCに大きな責任を課すことになりました。多くのコミュニティー・メンバーがご存じのようにヘリテージ・フェスティバルには大変な量の計画と仕事を必要とします。フェスティバルの数ヶ月前に始まる準備をするだけでなく、多くのオーガナイザーは8月のロング・ウィークエンドを金曜日のセットアップから月曜日の夜遅く用具をビュウモント近くのトレーラーへ運び終わるまで働き続けです。

HOCの目標は日本館をオーガナイズする中心的ボランティアの人数を毎年増やし、オーガナイズする人の知識をコミュニティーと共有し、日本館のための新しいアイデアとコミットメントを作り上げることです。

私は昨年はヘリテージ・デーには居ませんでした但那の前の年の参加した人たちの同士のな気分を思い出します。大勢の人が参加し大勢の人の支持がありました。みんなで力を合わせると健全な全コミュニティーと言うアイデアはうまく行きます。私たちは他の人のために、自分のためになにか大事なことをしていると言う感覚を共有しました。今年の8月もまた同じような気分になることができるようにと希望します、一緒にやりましょう、がんばりましょう。

HOCは次のようなボランティアを募集しています。テント・コーディネーター、キッチン、テント、運搬、ボランティア、パフォーマンスのアシスタント・コーディネーター。もし月2時間会う事ができ、8月のロング・ウィークエンドに仕事出来るようでしたら上記のポジションへボランティアしてください。HOCはあなたの助力を必要としています。

2006日本館オーガナイザー

キッチン・コーディネーター: スコット・サトン(EJCA)

テント・コーディネーター: 空き

運搬コーディネーター: ジョン・プリガート(剛柔会)

ボランティア・コーディネーター: シェリー・フルトン(剣道)、メーガン・ジョーンズ(日本語学校)

パフォーマンス・コーディネーター: ダナ・ダウソン(剣道)

2006年バザー

今年のバザーは秋まで延期され、全年齢の子供達の「秋の資金作りお楽しみフェア」となります。いつものようにランチやお持ち帰りも含めた、「日本の物」がたくさん並びます。新しい、すばらし物も加わります。

あなたのアイデアを分かち合い、参加してこの楽しさの一部となる機会の「新しい情報」を気をつけて見てみてください。

もしすでに参加しようと言う気になりましたら、キャシー(tenant@shaw.ca 436-6291) 又はイディー(484-5495)へ連絡してください。

Historic Joy Kogawa House Given Until April 30 To Be Saved

March 16, 2006

TLC, The Land Conservancy of British Columbia announced today that it has negotiated a 30-day extension on its option to purchase the culturally-significant Joy Kogawa House in Marpole.

“The fundraising has been very successful for the short timeframe we’ve had, but time was running out,” says Bill Turner, Executive Director of TLC. “Thanks to this reprieve I’m confident we will now be able to reach our goal. The current owner has given us until April 30th as a sign of good faith and we are grateful for this gift. All we need now is for people to show their support by donating. I know we can do this if we pull together as individuals, businesses and governments.”

The historic Joy Kogawa House at 1450 West 64th Ave. first came to TLC’s attention in early 2005 through the Save Kogawa House Committee. On November 30th the City of Vancouver granted a 120-day delay on the demolition permit for the house. In early December, TLC publicly announced they would spearhead the campaign to raise the \$1.25 million needed to acquire the house, restore it and set up an endowment to secure its protection in perpetuity as a symbol of Canada’s cultural heritage. The original deadline for funding was March 30.

Phone calls, letters of support, and donations have been

received from across Canada, especially within the literary community. Several primary and secondary schools in BC have also donated to save the childhood home of award-winning author, poet, Joy Kogawa. The faculty association at York University contributed \$1,000 to the campaign and challenges other universities to match their donation. Special book readings and silent auctions have been held in Vancouver and Toronto. One Vancouverite has even taken it upon herself to challenge other book club members to donate.

Once purchased and protected, the historic Joy Kogawa House will be used as a home for a writers-in-residence program, enabling new and emerging writers to create new works focusing on human rights issues and Canada’s evolving multicultural and intercultural society. It will also be open for public and school tours to educate people about the Japanese Canadian experience during World War II. “We must preserve these places so that our children and grandchildren can learn what happened,” says Turner. “An injustice to one is an injustice to all.”

“The light in this corner of the planet continues to shine with a happy glow of hope for the campaign,” says Kogawa.

For information on the campaign and to donate see the TLC website at <www.conservancy.bc.ca> or by calling (604) 733-2313.

EJCA Membership Application/Renewal Form

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Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

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Please check as applicable:

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