



CJST News

The Canada-Japan Society of Toronto

AGM TOPS IN TORONTO

AGM held on the top floor of Royal Bank Plaza in mahogany splendor

Once again the promise of a great view of the city coupled with free food and booze draws the CJST's faithful out to our 1999 AGM.

CJST tradition (and quite possibly its Constitution) calls for a Board of Directors to be elected each and every year. Since this last year of the millennium (not really, but the last of the 19s anyway) is no exception, the membership was invited to the top floor of the golden RBC Plaza for the CJST Annual General Meeting. The informal meeting began with a welcome from past-past president Rob Bracey, self-introductions by those present, reports by the committees and finally the slate of proposed Board members was presented to the membership and voted upon. The composition of the Board together with each member's respective post is as follows:

John Le Blanc	President
Scott Rutherford	Past President
Margaret Buckworth	Secretary / Event Coordinator
Ken Bole	Directory Coordinator
Ann Parkin	Event Coordinator
Robert Bracey	Director
Alan Middleton	Director
John Harris	Director
Ted Goossen	Director
Michael Rajbar	Treasurer
Eiko Shaul	Membership Director
Patrick Shea	Director
Robert Tran	Event Coordinator
Fumiko Shiba	Event Coordinator

We have also adopted the position of "Senior Advisor" to enlist the assistance of individuals who can offer the Board wisdom and support but who may not have the time for a full Board commitment. The Senior Advisors are: Margaret Cornish-Kehoe, Rick Wolfe, Michael Donnelly, Robert Fulford and Masao Okajima as Liaison.

As the incoming President I was required to make a speech and the six-point program presented for my term in office reads as follows:

1. Don't ruin a good thing.
2. Encourage people to stay involved and make their involvement as worthwhile as possible to encourage continued involvement.
3. Remind existing non-active members of reasons they might want to come back into the fold.
4. Exploit new membership sources such as returnees and ex-patriots to bolster the membership ranks and further strengthen what I see as an already strong membership base.
5. Work closely with other cultural organizations (Japanese/Canadian and other) to make sure that we are not missing opportunities to better further the goals and ideals of the CJST.
6. Work with the Board members to establish a consistent business element for those members who are seeking the capitalist as well as cultural experience while remaining faithful to the CJST mandate.

I look forward to the coming year and anticipate enlisting the involvement and support of the members in continuing CJST's tradition of offering its membership and friends an opportunity to better understand Canadian and Japanese issues of today, yesterday and tomorrow.

John E. Le Blanc

HAIKU CORNER

THE FOLLOWING 5 Y2K
HAIKU WERE PENNED BY
SOLVEIG SINGLETON

MILLENNIUM PARTIES
WITH LOUD MUSIC, LIGHTS AND JOY;
THEN, HOW DARK, HOW COLD!

STUPID PROGRAMMER,
THINK AHEAD NEXT TIME, WHEN THE
POWER COMES BACK ON.

WINDOWS 98 IS
COMPLIANT WITH MINOR BUGS,
STORE FOOD AND WATER!

HIRE MORE PROGRAMMERS
FOR Y2K BUG NOW -- OOPS,
TOO LATE, LIGHTS ARE OUT!

Y2K IS JUST
A SCAM FOR CONSULTANTS--HEY,
RIOTS, MARTIAL LAW!

**The following seasonal Haiku is
courtesy of by Robin Lovell**

Put the park garden
in my briefcase its flowers
safe from busy bees

Your Haiku contributions are
welcome. Did you know a
simple search for Haiku sites
results in more than 130 hits?

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON...?? A LOT!!

Herbert Norman and the National Film Board

On May 13, 1999 the CJST hosted a screening **The Man Who Might Have Been: An Inquiry into the Life and Death of Herbert Norman**, an acclaimed NFB profile of the Japan-born Canadian diplomat who died amidst controversy in 1957. The film and facilities were made available courtesy of the NFB. Yoshio Nakatani, President of Toyota Canada, was present at the screening and opened the evening with a welcoming speech explaining his and Toyota's involvement with the film. Norman was born in Nagano to Canadian missionaries, he spoke fluent Japanese and became a Japan scholar of international repute. The author of Japan's Emergence as a Modern State, Norman maintained that the country had the potential to evolve into a modern democracy, and was a key consultant to the post-war occupation government. The director, John Kramer, was also present and thanked both Mr. Nakatani and Toyota for invaluable financial and moral support in putting the story on the screen.

For those of you were not present back in May, **the film has its world TV debut on CBC-TV at 8:00 pm ET, Thursday, October 7, 1999.** Thanks go out to Eiko Shaul and Fumiko Shiba for putting on a great event.

Re-launch of Ichi moku kai

We have had some fits and starts in our attempts to re-launch the CJST's ichi moku kai (first Thursday party). We decided to move the event from the Sushi Bistro as many members complained that the evening had become a karaoke night for Japanese students and pointed out that CJST members were staying away in droves. We thought that a location more conducive to conversation would be a better choice but have had problems finding such a place. For those of you who attended the June party you will probably join us in bemoaning the fact that the CJST and Masa could not come to terms on the restaurant hosting the event. Well, nothing left except for us to soldier on and find a suitable location - we are working on it and welcome any suggestions. Please call the CJST Hotline and suggest away.

News in Brief...

- The CJST sponsored a Japanese speech contest on March 3, 1999 - details available from Ken Bole who is unavailable at press time.
- On March 9 we held a Winetasting at the Albany Club
- March 10 we held a kimono tour
- On May 5 the CJST hosted had a photo launch for Ken Straiton at the Japan Foundation
- May 25 there was a Board meeting to discuss the AGM (see page 1)
- On June 20 the CJST was represented by Fumiko Shiba, Ken Bole and Margaret Buckworth at the Prince and Princess Hitachi reception at the new JCCC
- On June 27 Rob Tran and Yuki Azuma were married.
- Ann Parkin has gone back to school to earn her MBA.

THE CJST IS ITS MEMBERSHIP...

The CJST extends a thank you to past president Scott Rutherford

A Couple months prior to the Annual General Meeting, CJST President Scott Rutherford let the Board know that he was ready to have someone fill his shoes. Rob Bracey, past president, took me out drinking and somewhere between the 6th and 9th beer I was convinced that it would be a good idea for me to tackle the challenge of being the president of this all volunteer organization - I will get you for this Rob!

Now where was I... oh yes, the thank you. Scott's service to the CJST has been notable both in its effectiveness and enthusiasm (prior to being CJST President, Scott served as Membership Director for 3 years). Both as Membership Director and as President, Scott furthered the goals of the CJST in building on the principles of our mandate to provide opportunities to enhance understanding of Japan, Canada, and Canada-Japan relations. Scott once said that the CJST is nothing more than its members and what they bring to the Society. Well said, and well furthered as someone dedicated to the ideals of the CJST.

Once again, thank you Scott and we look forward to your continued involvement as Past President and friend of the Society.

John Le Blanc

Membership ...

Our membership, which currently consists of approximately 250 individual and 15 corporate members, covers a broader segment of the Japan-related community in Canada than any other organization. Students, academics, public officials and business people comprise the majority of our membership, with all events open to every one of our members. As an organization completely run by volunteers I believe that we offer the most diverse and candid perspective of the Canada-Japan relationship possible.

The renewal rates for all membership categories (individual, family, student, senior, corporate) remain high and are a source of encouragement as we strive to provide our members with interesting and valuable events. We are in the process of sending renewal notices to those whose memberships have expired recently or are about to expire. Please look out for the renewal notice in the next couple of weeks. There will be interesting events that are coming up, so, send in those renewal forms and join us at the events!

Also, we will be updating a directory of membership for years 2000 - 2001 soon (yes, we are talking about next century!). Aside from being a handy source for finding names and addresses of other members, the directory is a resource for finding people who can help you with their expertise and knowledge when you need one and it also provides an opportunity for members to let others know of their businesses and expertise. So, if you don't want to miss the chance to see and to be seen in the directory, fill in the form that will be sent to you soon.

As the Membership Director, I would like to see the quality of our events remain excellent, while at the same time, expand the core of volunteer event organizers to include more of our diverse membership. As you know, no CJST event takes place unless it is *by* CJST members, and no event should take place unless it is *for* CJST members. In particular, I would like to see more CJST events planned from a Japanese perspective. For years now it has been a goal of the Society to further this initiative and I welcome any interested volunteers to contact me directly (or any other Board member) to discuss any ideas they may have relating to us furthering the diversification of activities and events.

Yoroshiku onegai shimasu!

Eiko Shaul

Membership Rates:

Individual - \$40; Student - \$20;

Family - \$50; Senior - \$20;

Corporate - \$350 (includes 10 designated members of your company or firm).

Send your cheque, payable to the Canada-Japan Society of Toronto, to:

Attn. Eiko Shaul, Box 327, Station A, Toronto, ON , M5W 1G3

The CJST would like to acknowledge our Corporate members:

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EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

CONSUL GENERAL HARA'S ADDRESS TO THE CJST

Monday, October 18, 1999

The Japan Foundation

131 Bloor St. West, Suite 213

6:30 PM

\$5 for members, \$10 for non-members

Wine and cheese to follow

Watch for details on other events that we are confirming dates and times for - we will be sending out fliers in the next few weeks.

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(see <http://www.jftor.org/> for more details)

The Graphic Design Poster Exhibition of Shigeo Fukuda

will be on display from October 14 to December 3 at The Japan Foundation

Exhibit hours: Monday to Saturday, 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Thursday until 7 PM. Closed Sundays and November 11. Free admission.

Shigeo Fukuda presents a slide lecture October 14, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at JFT.

RSVP at (416) 966-1600. Limited seating. Free admission.

Origami Designer Tomoko Fuse gives a lecture and demonstration on October 20 at JFT. RSVP by October 18 at (416) 966-1600. Limited seating. Free admission.

JAPANESE CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE

Open house for parents and children. Learn about the New Children's Japanese Language and Culture Beginners I, II, III and Enhanced Conversational Japanese for Adults Sat., October 23, 1999 12:15 PM to 2:30 PM, Refreshments from 12:15 to 1:00 PM and Monday, October 25, 1999 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Sumi-e Artists of Canada, Oriental Painting Exhibition 6

Garamound Court, Saturday & Sunday, November 6 & 7, 1999. 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Free Admission, Free Parking.

