

Groups - Buddhist Church  
 Language School  
 Judo Club  
 Chidorikai Dance  
 Film Club  
 Executive  
 Fujinkai  
 Seniors

Non Events  
 Hall cleanup  
 Keiro Kai  
 Fujinkai Golf  
 BC Interior Golf  
 Autumn Bazaar/Strawberry  
 Christmas Party <sup>Tea</sup>  
 Remembrance Day

Special Events

Film Showings  
 Winter Carnival  
 Consular Visits

Kamloops & Area Chapter of the National Association of  
 Japanese Canadians  
 and  
 Vernon Japanese Cultural Society

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
 Japanese Canadian Redress  
 Settlement**  
 1988-2008

**WORKSHOPS**

September 12-13, 2008  
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Friday, September 12, 2008:

7:00 pm Workshop #1 - 'Community Development'  
Presenters: Henry Kojima of Winnipeg, MB and Debbie Cairns of Kamloops.

An exploration into the future of Japanese Canadian organizations as perceived by members of the Japanese Canadian community. Where do we go from here?

8:30 pm 'Wine & Cheese' Social.

Saturday, September 13, 2008

9:00 am Workshop #2 - 'Past, Present and Future - the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre in New Denver.  
Presenter: Sakaye Hashimoto of New Denver, BC

The Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre, New Denver, was created to preserve the history of the Japanese Canadians who were interned during the Second World War. A presentation of artifacts, photos, the shacks and community hall with Buddhist shrine are encircled by a Japanese garden. Today, it is a site visited by many of those people who were interned as well as those interested in the history of the past.

Coffee Break

10:30 am Workshop #3 - "Saiki" Regeneration: The Legacy of the Japanese Canadian Foundation.  
Presenter: Tony Tamayose of Port Moody, BC

One component of the Redress Settlement was a \$12 million fund to rebuild the Japanese Canadian communities across Canada. Tony will talk on what was achieved through the fund.

11:45 am Lunch

1:00 pm Workshop #4 - "Underneath Diversity: Reconciling Across Differences"  
Presenter: Randy Enomoto of Vancouver, BC

Using principles and techniques developed by Marshal Rosenberg, the presenter will explore ways of arriving at resolution of conflict and making peace in situations of disagreement and estrangements.

Coffee Break

2:45 pm Workshop #5 - "Half-Japanese, Quarter-Japanese, Eighth-Japanese, No-Japanese"  
Presenter: Jeff Chiba Stearns of Kelowna, BC

Approximately 95% of Japanese Canadians are in interracial marriage, the highest out of any other ethnicity in Canada, but how do their children perceive their unique multiracial identities? Half-Japanese Canadian filmmaker Jeff Chiba Stearns explores the issues surrounding the future of Japanese-Canadian heritage with a growing population of mixed-Japanese on the rise.

**DISPLAYS**

We thank Sakaye Hashimoto for bringing up the New Denver display. We thank Eileen Willms for organizing the rest of the display showing us our history and legacy.

Please take a moment during the breaks to look at the displays, and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Part, but not all of the Display will be transported to the Banquet Hall for all to see.

## PRESENTERS

### DEBBIE CAIRNS

Debbie moved to Kamloops in 1994 and has been involved with the Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association, the Kamloops Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians and the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre since 1995. She was a volunteer at the Cultural Centre, and then joined the Board of the Kamloops and Area Chapter of the NAJC. She has been the President since 2005. She is also involved nationally, and has been on the national Endowment Fund Committee and the Nominating Committee. She is part of our Odori Group, and is a founding member of Raiden Taiko.

Debbie is married to Kevin Cairns, who is also on the Kamloops Board of Directors. She has two grown sons, and a granddaughter. She is employed at Hub International Barton Insurance Brokers.

### RANDY ENOMOTO

Randy was born during the internment in 1944 and grew up in Bralorne, BC. He attended high school and university in Vancouver, BC.

He worked for 30 years with the BC Public Service both in the capacity of a line worker (social worker), trainer of social workers and as a manager for diversity (multiculturalism, employment equity and anti-racism). He received a silver award in 2002 from the BC Public Service for work on employment equity.

Randy has served as president of the Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association and 2 years as president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians. He is currently volunteering for a history project for Tonari Gumi, a community social service agency in Vancouver.

He has written, and assisted in writing, many books such as *A Dream of Riches*, *Democracy Betrayed*, and co-edited a book on anti-racism. He also led a group of NAJC Board members and nisei women to Ottawa to campaign (successfully) with Minister Finestone to include 'Japanese Canadians trapped and stranded in Japan because of the war'

in the redress agreement. In 1977, he led an NAJC expedition up Mt. Manzo Nagano in northern BC and placed a time capsule containing thoughts about the future of the community from a variety of Japanese Canadian organization. The climbers included descendants of Manzo Nagano (and from Kamloops, local members Eileen and Karl Willms.)

### SAKAYE HASHIMOTO

Sakaye is the President of the Kyowakai Society in New Denver. Born in the Internment Camp, New Denver in 1943, he graduated from High School and continued his education in Calgary, obtaining a Diploma in Business Administration. A long time resident of New Denver, he has served on Village Council and recreational organization.

The Kyowakai Society is responsible for the administration and operation of the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre. Sakaye has been involved in the Nikkei Internment Centre, New Denver, since its creation in 1993. Constructed with the support of the Redress Foundation, the historical site preserves the history of the Japanese Canadians during the Second World War.

### HENRY KOJIMA

Currently the Past President of the NAJC, Henry has been active within the Japanese Canadian community for the past thirty-five years. During the campaign for Redress in the 1980s, he served on the NAJC President's Committee, assisting in encouraging public and community support for redress of injustices perpetrated against Canadians of Japanese ancestry.

Within the local Manitoba Japanese community, Henry has served as both President of the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association and President of the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre.

His thirty-five year career in education has enabled Henry to experience all facets of the public education system. As Superintendent and CEO of the River East School Division in Winnipeg, Manitoba and the Burnaby School District in Burnaby, BC, he was primarily involved in organizational restructuring and the creation and implementation of

new educational delivery models for both school districts.

Most recently, Henry has co-authored with Art Miki, a book entitled *Shaku of Wondrous Grace, Through the Garden of Yoshimaru Abe*. Effective September 2008, this biography, chronicling the challenges and hardships experienced in pre- and post-World War II Canada of the humble, yet talented Issei, has been authorized by the Department of Education in Manitoba for inclusion as a resource document in the study of Canadian history.

Henry resides in Winnipeg with his wife, Vivien. They have four adult children -- Jay, Dean, Tad and Elizabeth.

#### JEFF CHIBA STEARNS

Jeff is an award-winning Canadian independent animation filmmaker, writer and artist, born in Kelowna, BC, of Japanese and European heritage. His film work incorporates various techniques - animation, documentary, and experimental. In 2001, he founded Meditating Bunny Studio. His short animated films have screened at film festivals around the world and have been broadcast in Canada by the CBC. In 2005, he completed the award-winning classically animated film for the CBC, "What Are You Anyways?" The film is an exploration of his life growing up half-Japanese and half-Caucasian in a small Canadian town, and how he dealt with being typecast as a minority and overcame his struggle for self-identity.

After creating "What are you Anyways?" the first animated film that explores Hapa issues, he has become an international spokesperson for mixed-race advocacy. The film has screened at over 40 international film festivals and won 7 awards. Currently he is working on a documentary entitled, *One Big Hapa Family* exploring the 95% interracial marriage rate amongst Japanese Canadians. He has also written articles for national publications and lectured around the world at conferences and universities. On top of filmmaking, Jeff is also a college animation instructor and the Vice President of the Okanagan Film Festival.

#### TONY TAMAYOSE

Now retired and living in Port Moody, BC, Tony's career with Transport Canada and Communications Canada has led him to reside in various communities in the North West Territories, Canadian Arctic, Ottawa, Calgary and Vancouver. With Communications Canada he managed their Vancouver area offices, and later served as their Pacific Regional administrator for BC and the Yukon.

In 1988, based on his knowledge of the Federal Government's financial procedures for administering budgets including grants and contribution contracts, and also his involvement with the Japanese Canadian community, he was seconded to the Secretary of State for Canada and appointed to serve as the NAJC's National Redress Administrator. He was instrumental in determining the organizational structure, and the policies necessary for carrying out the implementation processes of the historic Japanese Canadian Redress Settlement Agreement. He retired from Federal public service in 1991 after the individual compensation component of the Settlement had been substantially completed.

Tony was a founding member of the Japanese Canadian Redress Foundation, and developed and maintained the administrative structure of the Foundation. He served as Executive Director and Assistant to the Board throughout its twelve-year term, ending in 2002.

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## Organizing Committee

Roy Inouye, General Chairperson

Debbie Cairns  
George Uyeda  
Willie Takeshita  
Wendy Reddeman  
Saki Suganuma  
Tom Miyahara  
Mike Mori  
Brenda Sawada  
Betty Inouye  
Kevin Cairns  
Eileen Willms

### Liaisons

Les Tabata  
Hannah Tabata  
Kay Hori  
Kaz Kobayashi  
Henry Uyeda  
Fumi Murakami

### Vernon Liaisons

Aubrey Comley  
Janice Buick  
Rose Okazaki

- community involvement Friday
- ④ • More participation + increased membership
  - \* • Better Communication
  - Education & leadership development / Mentorship
  - ③ • Youth Involvement
  - More programs
  - Senior Wellness / recreation
  - Reconciliation
  - Fundraising
  - Daytime administration

- ④ - outreach - e.g. Welcome wagon not just  
- Relaxed membership rules (i.e. Nikkei & spouses)  
→ New Denver's rules like Vernon's above  
→ Kamloops is same but also has associate members
- Rewards for active members
- Programs that meet community's needs.
- Better communication about organization - ADS ETC.

### ACTION PLAN

- 1. Community profile } Questionnaire
- 2. Skills inventory }
- 3. Tailor events to demographics Youth  
Ijusha
- 4. Needs inventory? Seniors  
Families.

### End points

- focus on one thing; don't spread yourself too thin. Don't get distracted.
- People will give you feedback if you get off course

- nikkei Internment memorial Centre 协会 society Saturday
- Provincial Gov't (Roy's sug.) Cairns at all of the hist. sites