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DOORS OPEN MISSISSAUGA

The MFA will participate in Doors Open Mississauga again this fall. It is a sports theme this year so we hope to have Kendo, Karate and other demonstrations that celebrate Japanese sports. Doors Open is Saturday, September 26th from 10am to 4pm. Please consider volunteering or at least come by and support our talented demonstrators. Have some great ideas to make the event better? Please email stephanie.kariya@gmail.com



KARIYA DELEGATION 2015



The MFA is eagerly awaiting the 2015 Kariya Delegation arriving on June 27th and staying until July 2nd. The trip is short but chock full of activities. There are 10 delegates with 6 women and 4 men including the first female delegation head, Noriko Watari. We hope our non-hosting members can participate in many of the activities. Councillor Ron Starr has graciously agreed to host the farewell BBQ at his home again which is one of the best MFA events of the year so don't miss it. The events open to all members are as follows:

- June 27th 5:30pm to 6:30pm:** Meet & Greet at Mississauga Civic Centre
- June 29th 9am to 9pm:** Day-long trip to Niagara Falls (\$75pp)
- June 30th 9:30am to 10:30am:** Walk

through Rattray Marsh

June 30th 5pm to 9pm: Farewell BBQ at Ron Starr's Home (\$15pp)

July 1st 12:30pm to 2:30pm: Lunch at Trio Restaurant (\$20pp) and walk to Kariya Park. Delegates will be on stage at Celebration Square for the opening ceremony of Canada Day at 4pm so help cheer them on.

We can also use some volunteers to help out with set up and demonstrations.

Please contact Maria Torresan at 905-274-8264 or Stephanie Meeuwse at 416-420-1373 for more information or to book a space.

We look forward to a memorable week and thanks to all the volunteers who work to make this so special.

MISSISSAUGA DELEGATION 2015

Ten lucky delegates from the MFA went to Kariya for a week May 14 to May 22 under the leadership of Stephanie Meeuwse. It was a busy week with visits to an iris conservation area, Kariya City Hall including a conversation with Mayor Takenaka, a tour of Mississauga Park and the planetarium, a day-long tour of Kyoto visiting the Golden Pavilion, the Fushimi Inari Shrine with its 1,000 torii gates, a meditation lesson at Ryougonji Temple with a chance to try meditation ourselves for 15 minutes, dressing in kimono and witnessing the sumo club of Kariya practice their art with dinner included. There were two lovely dinners: first the Welcome Dinner at Shine's where we sang "Land of the Silver Birch" and the Farewell Dinner at Forus Bistro where we sang Sukiyaki with lyrics about our week of home stay written by John Minardi and Melissa Waking. We had lots of fun at the cultural event held on the Sunday after we arrived. Many people came to the International Centre to eat our pancakes with maple syrup, make beaver headbands, dream catchers and Canadian motif key chains. I think everyone will agree the best parts of the homestay program are making new friends with our host families, meeting KIFA members, seeing new sights and trying new things. It was a successful and wonderful week in Kariya



BOARD ON THE MOVE

The AGM was held on May 7th at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre. The Executive Board for 2015 is:

Stephanie Meeuwse	President
Mary DesJardine	Vice-President
David Ray	Treasurer
Maria Torresan	Secretary
Jenny Chan	
Haruko Cornish	
Ken Fernandes	

Thanks to David and Mary for switching things up and welcome to new board member, Ken Fernandes. On a happy and sad note, Haruko Cornish, a valued member of the Board, will be moving with Dan and Mitchell to Oman this fall for three years. Haruko has agreed to help with translations from afar. Congrats on their big adventure!

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