

7th Annual Tonari Gumi & Greater Vancouver JCCA Charity Golf Classic on June 22nd

Join us for a wonderful day of golf, friendship, good food, great fun – all in support of a great community cause. All funds raised as a result of this golf tournament will be used to maintain and improve Tonari Gumi’s “Seniors’ Centre” in Vancouver, at 42 West 8th Avenue. This centre is also the base from which we train new volunteers and future leaders to meet the needs of the seniors within our community. Thanks to the Tonari Gumi leadership team, we are “Reaching Out” to help seniors in Steveston, Surrey and in other areas of the Lower Mainland. The Greater Vancouver JCCA also make use of the Tonari Gumi Centre for their community activities and so, by participating in this golf tournament, you are helping to build the community.



- Date & Time: Saturday, June 22, 2019 –Shotgun start at 1:00 pm
- Location: Meadow Gardens Golf Club, 19675 Meadow Gardens Way, Pitt Meadows
- Cost: \$175 per person/\$700 per foursome, includes, gourmet dinner, golf cart and prizes.
- Register on-line at < <http://tonarigumi.ca/2019/03/26/golf-registrations-2019/>> or call Tonari Gumi at (604) 687-2172, email development@tonarigumi.ca.

Tonari Gumi’s New Board of Directors: Builds on Past to Reach Out for the Future

On Saturday, May 4th, Tonari Gumi held its Annual General Meeting with more than 60 members in attendance. The meeting was opened with an inspiring key-note address by Takeo Yamashiro, one of the early co-founders of the Japanese Community Volunteers Association, or Tonari Gumi, on the grass-roots beginnings of this organization and how it sought to help those in need and to re-build the Japanese Canadian community in Vancouver. Everyone started as a volunteer and then slowly took on positions within the early movement in order to be able to help more people. Take’s call was for Tonari Gumi to maintain this spirit of service and caring as Tonari Gumi continues to grow.

Following the receipt of the 2018 Annual Report, three new Board members were introduced, signaling Tonari Gumi's desire to bridge the generations and to Reach Out to members of the community who live outside of Vancouver. Elected as new directors for 2019 – 2020 were Mr. Larry Okada (a Sansei, Chartered Accountant and Tonari Gumi



volunteer); Ms. Kay Manabe (a shin-Issei, Notary Public, mother of two and resident of the North Shore); and Mr. Manabu Ogawa (shin-Issei, Registered Shiatsu Therapist, helped found the Shin-Vancouver Asahi youth baseball team, father of three sons). Re-elected for a second two-year term were Mr. Patrick Li (born in Hong Kong, lived in Japan since the age of 9, retired executive of Mitsui Canada, Tonari Gumi volunteer, Richmond resident); and Mrs. Mamiko Van Horn (born in Yokohama to a Japanese Canadian Nisei, immigrated to Canada at the age of 8, mother and volunteer, Burnaby resident). Together with continuing Board Members, Michael Beaty, Tamako Copithorne, David Iwaasa, Martin Kobayakawa, Kanako Motohashi, and Karen Nishi, Tonari Gumi is blessed with a Board of Directors from diverse backgrounds and a variety of talents and experience necessary to guide Tonari Gumi into a new decade.

We are also grateful for the service rendered by four individuals who have retired after lengthy service on Tonari Gumi's Board, Mr. Michael Sakamoto, Mr. Chuichi Chris Nakahori, Mr. Derek Imai and Ms. Sanae Moteki. We appreciate what they have done for Tonari Gumi and look forward to their continuing to service as volunteers in the future.



Larry Okada



Kyoko Manabe



Manabu Ogawa

