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MONTREAL ESTONIAN SOCIETY SOCIÉTÉ ESTONIENNE DE MONTRÉAL

NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2007

RECENT EVENTS

On Saturday, March 3, 2007 the MES organized a special **concert** featuring two of Estonia's master musicians, Urmas Vulp on violin and Heiki Mätlik on guitar. The highly-acclaimed classical duo made a rare concert appearance in Montreal, as part of their North American tour. The recital took place at Redpath Hall, McGill University, where more than 130 people were treated to a selection of music from several internationally-known Estonian composers, including Ester Mägi, Arvo Pärt, Eduard Tubin and Peeter Vähi. A wine and cheese followed, to which everyone was invited. The main sponsor for this event was Maurice Forget, C.M., Honorary Consul of Estonia in Montreal. Our thanks go to Karl J. Raudsepp for his meticulous organization.

The second annual **New Year's Eve Party** took place at the Annunciation Parish Hall in the Town of Mount Royal. Building on the previous year's success, there were over 75 people present, among them a contingent of revelers from Ottawa and elsewhere. A buffet was served, with a cash bar and music was provided by "Vintage Wine". The hall was well decorated, the food abundantly tasty, and the dancing lasted until the wee hours of the morning. Many thanks go to Kersti Leetmaa as the head of the organizing committee. Planning is already underway for December 31st, 2007.

Our second annual **Christmas Sausage Factory** (2006) was a great success. More than 206 pounds of 'verivorstid' were prepared and home-made cranberry sauce was also available for purchase. Many thanks go to all the volunteers who helped and our special thanks to Epp Luik for her leadership. This year we are hoping that the veterans will return and that new recruits will also join in. Anyone wishing to learn and participate in this Estonian tradition please contact the MES.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday June 17 – The **Annual General Meeting** of the MES will take place at St. John's Estonian Ev. Lutheran Church, starting at 12:30 p.m. Coffee and sandwiches will be served. Everyone is welcome. Note: Only members who have paid their dues for 2006/2007 have the right to speak and vote.

Friday August 3 – The **Second Annual MES Golf Tournament** will take place, starting at 10:00 a.m., at the scenic Golf & Auberge Oasis in Brownsburg-Chatham. Please refer to the attached announcement.

As was the case last year, a \$1,000 scholarship (to a student of Estonian heritage) is being donated by the National Estonian Foundation of Canada. Every participating golfer will receive a door prize.

Several first-time golfers participated last year. We hope that this will encourage those who think that you need to be a pro in order to play, to come out and join the golfing passion. Everyone is welcome to join us for supper, whether you play golf or not. Photos from last year's event can be found on the MES website.

Fall 2007 – We are planning to hold a **symposium**, titled: "The Future of the Montreal Estonian Community". Organized as an 'estates general', it would involve all the representatives from Estonian organizations in Montreal and other invited guests, as well as financial and legal consultants. Statistical, demographic, financial and legal dossiers will be prepared in advance.

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There are still a few special **MES coffee mugs** left, which are now available for \$10 and are sold as part of our fundraising activities (while quantities last). The Alar Kivilo film '**Ruberg**', on DVD, is still available as well, for \$15.

Membership in the Montreal Estonian Society is open to everyone. Our annual dues are \$10 and the payment for 2007/2008 should be sent to our treasurer, Anton Tikovt.

Please feel free to contact any member of the executive regarding questions about our activities. It is a pleasure for us to organize them on your behalf, and we hope that this will spark an interest in participating in our small and steadfast community.

With best wishes,
MES Executive

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