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MONTREAL ESTONIAN SOCIETY SOCIÉTÉ ESTONIENNE DE MONTRÉAL

NEWSLETTER – MAY 2008

RECENT EVENTS

On February 23, renowned pianist **Armas Maiste** gave a well-received concert to an audience of over 300 people. A reception followed the classical and jazz program, sponsored by Maurice Forget, Honorary Consul of Estonia in Montreal. Photos of the concert can be viewed on the MES website. Heartfelt thanks to Karl J. Raudsepp for his considerable efforts.

The annual **New Year's Eve** party just keeps on getting better! The new venue in Roxboro proved to be the perfect size for the 75 people in attendance. A gourmet buffet and great dance music kept the revelers going well into the morning. Photos are posted on our website. Plans are underway for December 31, 2008. Kersti Leetmaa would like to thank all those who helped make the evening such a resounding success.

The **Christmas Sausage Factory** was so popular that we ran out of sausages (after making over 200 pounds)! Because our production capacity is limited, paid-up members of the MES will receive priority when placing orders this year. All others will be placed on a waiting list. Another good reason to make sure that your membership is paid up! A big thank you goes to Ingrid Tärk for organizing this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 25 – The **Annual General Meeting** of the MES will take place at St. John's Estonian Ev. Lutheran Church, starting at 12:00 p.m. Coffee and sandwiches will be served. Everyone is welcome but only those members who have paid their dues for 2007/2008 have the right to speak and vote.

Saturday, June 21 – The MES and the Ottawa Estonian Society are planning **Jaanipäev** festivities at Lättemäe beginning at 12 noon. Come spend the day in the country and join us for lunch, relaxation, and a traditional campfire. Andres Raudsepp will be there as well to serenade us with his voice and guitar. There is no charge for lunch, but you must register before **June 12** so that the cooks know how many people to plan for. SAKU õlu will be sold or bring your own beverages. Call Kersti Leetmaa at 514-695-4194 to register for lunch. Overnight camping is available for anyone wishing to stay the night. Please note that in case of rain, the event is cancelled. For those people who do not want to drive there themselves,

we are considering renting a bus should there be sufficient interest. The bus will leave the church at approximately 11a.m. and return to the same place for 7 p.m. You **must** inform Ingrid Tärk at 514-489-9714 by **May 31** if you are interested in transportation. There will be a charge of \$20 per person for this return trip.

Saturday, May 31 – To prepare Lättemäe for Jaanipäev, we will be holding all day **talgud** with the OES. Bring your own lunch, work tools (chain saw, clippers, gloves) and help clean up the mess that winter has left behind.

Friday, August 1 – The third annual **MES Golf Tournament** will take place at Golf Oasis. Last year this popular event attracted 31 golfers ranging from novice to pro. Many more members of the community joined us for a group dinner after the game. Please see the enclosed announcement for further details.

October 2008 – Due to unforeseen circumstances, the **symposium** on the future of the Montreal Estonian community had to be postponed until this October. Plan to take part in this vital discussion which will involve all facets of the community. Further details will be sent out in the fall.

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Estonian **language classes** were well attended by approximately 15 people. Classes will resume in the fall for all interested parties. More info will follow.

Of late there have been several groups from Eesti who have shown an interest in visiting or performing in Montreal. If anyone is interested in forming a **social committee** that can assist the MES in welcoming such groups and show them around Montreal, please contact Karl Raudsepp at 514-697-0245.

Membership in the MES is open to everyone. Annual dues are \$10 and payment (enclosed form) may be made at the AGM or by mail to Anton Tikovt - 2265 Harvard Ave., Montreal, QC H4A 2W1

Please feel free to contact any member of the executive regarding questions about our activities. It is our pleasure to organize them and we hope that they will encourage you to participate in our community.

With best wishes,
MES Executive

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