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MONTREAL ESTONIAN SOCIETY SOCIÉTÉ ESTONIENNE DE MONTRÉAL

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RECENT EVENTS

On June 21, over 40 people converged on Lättemäe to celebrate **Jaanipäev** under clear blue skies. Montreal and Ottawa were both well represented as were young and old alike. After a tasty lunch offered by members of the MES and OES, all were treated to a performance by Toronto musician (and former Montrealer) Andres Raudsepp and his talented daughter, Järvi. Sports, saun and an evening campfire completed a very successful day.

On August 1, nearly fifty golfers teed off at the scenic Oasis Golf Club for the 3rd annual **Golf Tournament**. Each year this tournament keeps getting bigger and better and is certainly one of the highlights of the MES calendar. Although no one went home empty-handed, it was Leif Tiltins who won the \$1,000 student scholarship sponsored by the National Estonian Foundation of Canada. New this year was a raffle with proceeds going to the Lättemäe bridge renovation fund. Lucky first prize winner Mark Altosaar won an all inclusive trip to Mexico courtesy of Air Transat. Photos of this event and Jaanipäev can be seen on the MES website.

The new and improved **MES website** (www.mtlmes.ca) was launched in September and we hope that this version meets with your approval. It is, of course, a work in progress, and we invite you to send your comments and suggestions to: info@mtlmes.ca

It is our intention to keep you abreast of Estonian related developments that are relevant in the local context and to regularly update the website with any breaking news of interest to our community. We therefore invite everyone to keep us informed of upcoming events and of any news that features or involves Montreal Estonians.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The first meeting of MES sponsored **Estonian language classes** for beginners will be held on Saturday, October 25 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm, at St. John's Estonian Church hall. Four classes are forecast for this fall session at a cost of \$75 per person. While the emphasis will be on spoken Estonian, the student will also gain insight into grammar as well as learning some Estonian songs and customs. For more information or to register, please contact: info@mtlmes.ca

The long awaited **Symposium** on the 'Future of the Montreal Estonian Community' will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2008 starting at 10:00 am, at St. John's

Estonian Church hall. The morning session will feature several brief presentations by various representative groups and individuals relevant to the discussion, followed by lunch at noon. The afternoon session will be moderated by Dr. Enn Raudsepp and everyone present will have an opportunity to speak and voice their opinions. Everyone interested in the future of our community, especially the younger generations, is encouraged to attend. Please note that the proceedings will take place in English and admission is free.

Volunteers are needed for Saturday, November 22, 2008 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to help make our traditional **Christmas sausages**. Aside from the fun and enjoyment of learning how to make a very special Estonian Christmas delicacy, volunteers will be able to purchase their sausages at a lower cost. NOTE: As already publicized in our last newsletter, current paid up MES members (2008/09) have ordering priority from Nov. 1-8, with a limit of 5 lbs per member. All others (who are not MES members) can place their orders from Nov. 9-16, with a 5 lb limit per order.

The price of the 'verivorstid' is \$6 per pound and pick-up will be on Saturday, Nov. 22nd from 2-3 pm at St. John's Estonian Church Hall. Please note that if you do not pick up your order, your 'verivorstid' will be redirected to someone else. To volunteer or to place your order, please contact Ingrid Tärk at: (514) 489-9714 or by E-mail at: ingridtark@hotmail.com

Plans are underway for the annual MES **New Year's Eve Party**. This highly successful event will again be held at the Roxboro United Church hall. Tickets will go on sale in November and are limited, so don't be left out of the fun. Please check the MES website next month for details. Any questions should be directed to Kersti Leetmaa at 514-695-4194.

The current MES Executive is:

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