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MONTREAL ESTONIAN SOCIETY SOCIÉTÉ ESTONIENNE DE MONTRÉAL

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RECENT EVENTS

It has been a busy year for the MES. In the fall of 2008, the long-awaited **Symposium** on the future of the Montreal Estonian society took place. Summaries of the proceedings are enclosed and a follow-up session is planned for the fall of this year. Following from that, Rasmus Lumi held a passport information session. The Christmas sausage factory churned out over 200 pounds of sausages. Your executive also represented the Montreal Estonian community at both the Lithuanian and Latvian Independence day celebrations and was present when Neeme Järvi conducted the MSO.

On March 7, eighty-two revelers came together at the Mount Stephen Club to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the MES. Following a delectable dinner, guests enjoyed performances by Peeter Kopvillem and his daughters, as well as by pianist Armas Maiste, who was presented with flowers and kringel in celebration of his 80th birthday. To view photos of this and other MES events, please refer to the MES website, www.mtlmes.ca.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A community campfire will take place at Lättemäe on Saturday, June 20th in celebration of the summer solstice (**Jaanipäev**). No specific activities are planned this year, but everyone is welcome. Please bring your own food and drink as there will be none available on site.

The **Raivo Tafenau Quintet**, featuring Estonia's best sax player and Brazilian vocalist Sergio Bastos, appears in Montreal at the Upstairs Bar and Grill (1254 MacKay) on Sunday, June 28. Hugely popular throughout northern Europe, the quintet also performs at the Ottawa Jazz Festival on June 30.

The eagerly awaited 4th annual **MES golf tournament** takes place at Golf Oasis on Friday, July 31. Tee-off time is 10:30am. Non-golfers are welcome to join us for the dinner that follows. To register, please refer to the enclosed information sheet or the MES website.

For those interested in continuing Estonian lessons starting in the fall, please contact the MES at info@mtlmes.ca. We are considering a new approach which uses Skype to connect to a live teacher in Estonia, which has proven to be very successful in Vancouver.

Advance notice: Christmas sausage cost in 2009 will be \$6/lb for MES members and \$10/lb for non-members.

Remember to consult the MES website on a regular basis for breaking community news and information regarding any of our events. Alternately, you may contact Karl Raudsepp (514-697-0245) or Kersti Leetmaa (514-695-4194).

In order to regularly update the MES website calendar, we invite everyone to keep us informed of upcoming events and breaking news of interest to our community, especially of any news or event that features or involves Montreal Estonians.

Contact: info@mtlmes.ca.

The MES executive would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

The current MES Executive

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