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MONTREAL ESTONIAN SOCIETY SOCIÉTÉ ESTONIENNE DE MONTRÉAL

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## RECENT EVENTS

Twelve consecutive classes of the ‘**Estonian for Beginners Language Course**,’ took place from February until May 2010. The classes, offered at minimal cost by the MES were, by all accounts, a great success. The teacher, who was located in Estonia, connected with the students via video conference calling through Skype. Study material was distributed by e-mail. Plans are underway to continue with the classes in the new year. If interested, please contact: [tom.ventser@gmail.com](mailto:tom.ventser@gmail.com)

To celebrate Estonian Independence Day, **Kaili Maimets** presented an exceptional concert of flute music, assisted by pianist Marian Patenaude, on Saturday, March 13, 2010. **Riho Kruuv** delivered the opening remarks to the audience which also included most of Montreal’s consular corps. The venue was the spectacular *Chapelle historique du Bon-Pasteur*.

**Jaanipäev** was celebrated at **Lättemäe** on Saturday, June 26, 2010 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 the OES, all were treated to a performance by Toronto musician (and former Montrealer) **Peeter Kopvillem**, who had compiled a ‘laulik’ for the occasion. Saun and an evening campfire completed a very successful day.

On July 31, 2010, more than fifty golfers and friends took part in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual **MES Golf Tournament** at the Oasis Golf Club in Brownsburg-Chatham. 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 Stephanie Raudsepp who won the \$1,000 student scholarship sponsored by the National Estonian Foundation of Canada. The winning foursome was composed of Henno Lattik, Anu Nerska, David Sheridan and Vello Taal.

**Photos** of the above events can be viewed on the MES website: [www.mtlmes.ca](http://www.mtlmes.ca) We also encourage everyone to keep the MES apprised of any news and events that are of relevant interest to the Montreal Estonian community.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The **MES Annual General Meeting** will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2010 at St. John’s Estonian Ev. Lutheran Church Hall, starting at 12:00 noon. A light lunch will be provided.

On Saturday, September 18, 2010 the **MES sponsored Kindergarten** held its first very successful morning of learning Estonian language and culture through crafts, songs and games. The ‘Lasteaed’ program takes place every second Saturday morning at St. John’s Estonian Ev. Lutheran Church (4345 Marcell Avenue in NDG). If you or someone you know would like to join us, please give us a call. You can come and join in the fun by contacting Monika Dumbrille, by phone: (514) 903-2040 or by e-mail: [monikadumbrille@hotmail.com](mailto:monikadumbrille@hotmail.com)

Once again the MES will be making the traditional **Christmas sausages** for our community. The price of the ‘verivorstid’ is \$10 per pound and pick-up will be on Saturday, Nov. 20th from 1-2 pm at St. John’s Estonian Church Hall. Please note that if you do not pick up your order that day, your ‘verivorstid’ will be redirected to someone else.

**NOTE: Orders can only be placed starting November 1, 2010 and will be accepted until Nov. 12, with a limit of 5 lbs per order.** To place your order, please contact Ingrid Tärk at: (514) 489-9714 or by E-mail at: [ingridtark@hotmail.com](mailto:ingridtark@hotmail.com)

On Saturday, November 13, 2010 starting at 1:00 pm, there will be a cooking class titled ‘**Pirukad 101**’ held at St. John’s Church Hall. For those interested, you will learn how to make traditional Estonian ‘liha pirukad’ (small meat pies). The fee is \$10 per person to cover costs. To sign up: [info@mtlmes.ca](mailto:info@mtlmes.ca)

We are exploring various options for holding the annual **MES New Year’s Eve Party**. Any questions should be directed to Kersti Leetmaa at: (514) 695-4194.

## OTHER INFORMATION

**MES Membership (\$10):** Please note that the MES membership year runs from September 1 to August 31. Therefore your 2010/2011 membership fees are due now.

**Donations:** In the spring of 2010, the MES was incorporated as a non-profit organization in Quebec. As a consequence, we can now provide Quebec provincial income tax receipts to any individual who wishes to make a donation to the MES in support of its activities.

**Forms** for both Membership and Donations are enclosed with this newsletter and can also be found on the MES website.