

# Newsletter

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## The President's message:

Dear Friends, Members and Supporters of NLMC Inc.:

**Greetings.** The Summer, vacations, travels are over by now. And, I hope you and your family had a wonderful time. Everybody needs a change. Myself, while looking for a change, I am seriously considering joining the "Hoola Hoop" group, performing so attractively in Bannerman Park. There is fun, harmony and enjoyment.

Let's now move forward with an optimistic multicultural spirit. You will be pleased to learn that our organization is growing by individual and group memberships. You have learned already about our initiative "**Multiculturalism across Newfoundland and Labrador**". The results are encouraging – multiculturalism is getting roots and "catching fire" in some communities, depending on the demographic character and make-up. **We will continue with our efforts to promote multiculturalism in Labrador.** To establish there a Multicultural Society - as a Chapter of the Newfoundland and Labrador Multicultural Council Inc. is our goal - for the benefit of the Community.



August 20, 2008 - Thaddeus Dreher, President NLMC Inc. at Bannerman Park, St. John's, NL delivering mulch and compost (the old fashion way) to the trees planted over the years (through the NLMC Inc. initiative) to mark some of the historic events.

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 \* Reception: 6:00 p.m. (Cash Bar)  
 \* Dinner: 7:00 p.m., Buffet, Hors d'ouvres  
**International Food**  
 Desserts, Tea, Coffee  
 \* Presentation of Scholarships  
 \* Multicultural Show, Door Prizes  
 \* Dance: Taped Music, 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
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We appreciate your enthusiastic participation at our functions, the loyal membership and the generous financial support. You can be assured that money is not going to be wasted. Frugality is the 'modus operandi' for NLMC Inc.

**Looking forward to seeing you at our function on Saturday, November 1st, 2008.**

Sincerely,

*Thaddeus Dreher*  
Thaddeus Dreher, President

## CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES.....

🌸 To **Laval High School** in Placentia, NL on its **40th Anniversary** (1968-2008) and best wishes for the continued success while providing education to the students in the historic district of Placentia, NL.

🌸 To the young couple, (from Bangladesh) **Ms. Madhabi Roy** and **Mr. Khokan Sikdar** on the happy occasion: the arrival of their first child - a baby boy, **Dipto Daniel Sikdar**; born



on July 4th, 2008 at the Health Sciences Complex, St. John's NL. We wish Madhabi and Khokan happy family life and exciting parenting time.

In the picture the happy and proud parents Madhabi Roy and Khokan Sikdar with their one month old son, Dipto Daniel Sikdar. Congratulations.

🌸 To **Terry Rielly**, affectionally known as the “**Teddy Bear Man**” - on his 30 years career of writing songs/music and entertaining children. And, especially for the every popular Summer Concerts on the lawn at St. John's Arts and Culture Centre - the events always attended by large audiences. Our best wishes to Terry and Sherril, his wife - of good health , happiness and satisfaction in the “Show Business” and all other endeavors. Congratulations.

🌸 To **Anjali Kamra**, who graduated in June this year from the Medical School in Dublin, Ireland with the Medical Doctor's degree. We wish Anjali success and satisfaction in her chosen career in pediatrics. Anjali's happy and proud parents are **Drs. Palinder and Chander Kamra**. Congratulations

🌸 To **Dr. Vivek Meiyappan** (son of Dr. Muthuraman and Mrs. Mala Meiyappan) on being selected to the prestigious training position as a Medical Officer in Dunedin Medical School, Otago University, New Zealand - for the year 2009. Congratulations.

🌸 To **Dr. Muthuraman Meiyappan** on the **Followship Award** received at the FRCPI Ceremony on June 25, 2008 at the Royal College in Dublin, Ireland.



On the proud and happy occasion for the Meiyappan Family at the Royal College, Dublin, Ireland (1--r): Mrs. Mala, The President of the Royal College, Dr. Vivek and Dr. Muthuraman Meiyappan.

🌸 To **Mr. Walter Noel** on winning the nomination for the Liberal Party of Canada in the District of St. John's East. We wish Walter success in this Federal Election. And, to **Ms. Margaret Warren** great deal of satisfaction from her past and future efforts in the Liberal political arena. Congratulations.



## SYMPATHIES.....

🌸 To **Mrs. Felvita (Vita) Perez** and her Family on the sudden loss of her husband, **Oscar Guzman Perez**, age 63, who peacefully passed away at home on Friday, May 30/08. We wish to convey our heartfelt sympathies.



To **The Families of Sing Lang Au** who suddenly passed away at North York General Hospital (Toronto) on July 12, 2008 at the age of 69 year. We wish to convey our sincere condolences.

**Sing Lan Au** had been a strong supporter of the NLMC Inc. activities while serving on its Board and the Executive. He was also a past Executive of the Chinese Association of NL - and contributed generously to the Community through his successful business enterprises.

Sunday, August 10, 2008 - NLMC Inc. held its annual B.B.Q. at The HUB, St. John's – for its **Board of Directors, their families, performers and invited guests.**



It was also an occasion to say **“Thank You”** to our **Secretary, Dr. Mira Parai, M.D.** for her contribution to Multicultural activities in NL while serving on the Board for 13 years and the last 6 years as Secretary of NLMC Inc. With the **“Farewell to Mira”** and her husband, Dr. Sushil Parai, M.D. our best wishes in their new employment as pathologists in Alberta.

*Dr. Mira Parai cutting the cake in the company of (1-r): Dr. Sushil Parai, Dr. Kim Hong, Mely Hong, Walter Noel, Mary Gin, Dr. Denes Bajzak, Margaret Warren, Valerie Darmonkow, Dr. Charita Lakshi Goonasekara, Suree*

*Dreher, Steve Jackman, Sofie Firme, Dr. Asoka and Dr. Mallika Samarasena, Dr. Ray Firme and Thaddeus Dreher “The Chef”- on this occasion.*

### 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS SIGNAL HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

We appreciate the invitation from PARKS CANADA to be partners at the celebrations.

NLMC Inc. for the historic occasion presented a “MULTICULTURAL SHOW” at the Signal Hill Visitor Centre (Theatre), St. John's, NL on Friday, July 18, 2008 from 2:00-3:30p.m.

We would like to acknowledge with a **“Thank You”** and a **“Bravo”**-the contributions made by the performers: (1) Emmanuel Asapo (Nigeria); (2) Suree Dreher (Thailand); (3) Cecilia Abuque (Philippines)' (4) Delf Maria Hohmann (Germany); (5) The Inuit Group “KILAUTIUP SONGUINGA”: Solomon Semigak (leader), Nick Zarpa, Josephine Anastasiadi, Cherrie Tabitha and Brenda Blake; (6) Dr. A. K. Bal and Sanchita Chakraborty (India).

## ANNOUNCEMENT – SCHOLARSHIPS

**The Board of Directors** of NLMC Inc. at its Meeting on August 12, 2007 held at Holiday Inn – approved the **Criteria for Newfoundland and Labrador Multicultural Council Inc. Annual Scholarships.**

- Open to children of members and students of particular group memberships – who are members for at least one year at time of application in good standing.
- Post secondary – college or university
- **Notation of requirements:**
  - Course of study
  - Proof of attendance
  - Three letters of recommendation
  - Ability to demonstrate need for scholarship
- In attendance for one semester/term to allow for letters of recommendation.
- Selection committee to consist of not less than three and no more than five people

- Any person who sits on the committee shall disqualify themselves when there is a conflict of family or group membership for the proposed application for the scholarship.
- Deadline for application is 30 days prior to the awarding of the Scholarship
- Applications cannot be carried over from one scholarship application to another in any one calendar year
- Unsuccessful applicants must re-apply for all Scholarships.
- All criteria for all applicants with the exception of the **St. John's Native Friendship Centre** – established in 1997 for the non-status aboriginal students which is awarded twice annually.

**NOTE: The criteria for the NLMC Inc. Scholarships and the required Application Forms are posted on our website: [www.nlmfac.ca](http://www.nlmfac.ca). The deadline for application is October 2nd, 2008.**

# CELEBRATE CANADA – June 30, 2008 - Holiday Inn, St. John’s, NL



*O Canada - National Anthem: Noreen Greene-Fraize (keyboard) her daughters Alanna (trumpet), Lora (singer) and Thaddeus Dreher, (saluting).*

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- \* Reception & Dinner
- \* Multicultural Entertainment
- \* Dance for Canada with
- \* Midnight Ceremonies to Welcome

**CANADA'S 141st BIRTHDAY**

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*(L-r): Sister Patricia Marie Decker said Grace; Thaddeus Dreher, President-NLMC Inc. Greetings and Welcome address; Hon. Tom Hedderson, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, representing the Premier of NL; Dr. Palinder Kamra, V-President delivered Vote of Thanks.*



*The Performers (l-r): Dr. Yajing Song (PhD in Chinese Medicine) - presented a "Tai Chi Fan Dance"; Emmanuel Asapo, master drummer from Nigeria with traditional African Drums; Delf Maria Hohmann (from Germany) with music and folk songs from around the world.*

# CELEBRATE CANADA – June 30, 2008 - Holiday Inn, St. John’s, NL



(L-r): The “Veil Dance” by Deneen Connolly; The “Jhoom Barabar” - A Bollywood dynamic dance: Sanchita Chakraborty (choreographer & dancer), Phyllis Martin, Tzu Xiaio, Cristy Haynes and Fizza Rahman.



## 1 & 2 Midnight Ceremonies to Welcome Canada’s 141 Birthday

1) *Flag Raising with O’CANADA and Commemoration of Memorial Day in NL with representatives of the Multicultural Community (l-r): Dr. Wayne O’Brien (Irish/NL), Thaddeus Dreher (Poland), Valerie Darmonkow (Bulgaria), Mary Gin (China), Dr. Palinder Kamra (India), Fizza Rahman (Egypt), Dr. Mallika Samarasena (Sri Lanka), Tzu Xiao (Taiwan), Sanchita Chakaborty (Bangladesh) and Alanna Fraize playing the trumpet (in the background).*



2. *Cutting of Canada Birthday Cake - on the 141st Anniversary (l-r): Valerie Darmonkow, Suree Dreher, Dr. Mallika Samarasena, Mary Gin, Dr. Palinder Kamra and Thaddeus Dreher - followed by sharing the Cake with the enthusiastic guests - celebrating Canada Day – with more “Dance for Canada” – until 1:00 am. The Celebration concluded with singing Ode to Newfoundland.*

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*Happy Canada Day!*

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## CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS – July 1st, 2008 - Confederation Hill, St. John's, NL



NLMC Inc. presented a “MULTICULTURAL SHOW” - One hour Programme with performers from different ethnic backgrounds: (1) from Labrador - traditional Inuit “KILAUTIUP SONGINGA” By Solomon Semigak (leader), Nick Zarpa and the 4 sisters: Cherrie, Tabitha, Brenda Blake and Josephine Anastasiadi. Other performers contributing to the festive occasion were (2) from Africa: Emmaunuel Asapo (drum), Jacob Gum (dancer) and the 3 girls (dancers)

Chinenye Ezike, Lethabo Maleka and Ugo Ezike; (3) “The Belly Dancers” - a group of 13 dancers under the leadership of Deneen Connolly. (4) from China - Yajing Song (PhD in C.M) presented a “Tai Chi Fan Dance”. (5) From India - the “Bollywood Jig” - performed by Dancers: Sanchita Chakraborty (choreography), Phyllis Martin, Tzu Xiao, Cristy Hynes and Fizza Rahman.

*From the Editor:*

*NLMC Inc. regrets that the “SHOW” could not be completely presented with pictures for all the performers- due to lack of space.*

### NEWS FROM CENTRAL NEWFOUNDLAND - GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR

The Central Newfoundland Multicultural Society organized Canada Day, July 1, 2008 Celebration at the Hollett's Retirement Home with a theme “NOSTALGIA”.

**Multicultural Program included: Opening Address/Welcome by Mr. Aubrey Smith, President; Music/Entertainment by - Howard Barnes, Sue Hickey, Merrick Chip and Kevin Murray; Miq Maq presentation; Dr. Ghulam Dogar and Mr. Rifat Saeed explained the Pakistani game of Kabbaddie; Newfie Jokes, Stories and Poetry readings; Dr. Meiyappan talked on “his Canada; Mrs. Katie Spooner presented the “elastic game” from Australia. Cutting of the Canada Day Cake by Mr. Aubrey Smith, President, assisted by two oldest residents (male and female) and singing O Canada; Refreshments and Ode to Newfoundland concluded the July 1st, 2008 Celebration.**



*At the Hollett's Retirement Home in the front (sitting comfortably and listening to the music are Dr. Ghulam Dogar and Mr. Rifat Saeed.*



*Here, Mr. Aubrey Smith, President is looking through the notes while the musicians are entertaining the residents – and children engaged in their own world – as it appears.*

The Central Newfoundland Multicultural Society is planning to hold the Community Annual Event latter in the Fall.

## NEWS FROM LABRADOR - HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY (HV-GB)

With the NLMC Inc. initiative to spread the multicultural wings in Labrador the President, Thaddeus Dreher arrived to HV-GB on Friday, June 6th, 2008. And, for 5 days there he moved around with a simple message: “there are no pains but only gains” – while embracing multiculturalism.

On Monday night, June 9, 2008 a public meeting was held at the HV-GB Town Hall – to discuss a multicultural initiative for Labrador and ways to promote multiculturalism with people of diverse/ethnic backgrounds - for better understanding, tolerance, respect and harmony in the Communities.



*The attendees at the public meeting at the Town Hall - HV-GB back row from the left: Karen Wheeler, Director of Economic Development for the Town. Janet Murphy-Goodridge, Tony Oguntuase, originally from Nigeria, Lucio Beyere, originally from Ghana, Thaddeus Dreher, president NLMC Inc., and Jill Airhart, HV-GB resident. From row, Dr. Ranjan Patro, originally from India and Stan Oliver, Director of the Labrador Friendship Centre and Deputy Mayor for HV-GB.*

Photo by Lorie O'Hallanan - Editor of Labradorian



*Saturday, June 7, 2008 at the “recruiting table” in the Goodridges’ residence, Thaddeus Dreher with Dr. Wieslaw Rawluk, who with his wife became the first New Members of NLMC Inc. in HV-GB; other 12 Members signed-in on that occasion.*

*The Labrador Friendship Centre also joined the NLMC Inc. on July 4, 2008 - as a Group Membership.*

In the works are plans to hold a “Multicultural Social” (in October 2008) for the Community of HV-GB in partnership with the College of the North Atlantic, Labrador Friendship Centre and other institutions as well individuals from the diverse cultural/ethnic background.



*Saturday, August 23, 2008, St. John's, NL - Thaddeus Dreher celebrated his 90th Birthday with Suree, his wife, Richard, their son and a large circle of friends.*

## NEWS FROM PLACENTIA

**The 40th Anniversary of the Laval High School (1968-2008).** It was a 3 day celebration for the REUNION of former students, teachers and principals. **The occasion really became a Community event**, that on Sunday, July 20/08 concluded with a Concert, presented by local talents - at Placentia Town Square. For the Reunion participants this was an unforgettable time and renewal of friendships.

**Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of Castle Hill National Historic Site (1968-2008).** On Saturday, August 16/08 the people of Placentia District, proud of the French history, celebrated the occasion with ‘A RUN’ - from **Placentia to Castle Hill**. It was an event organised for everybody-young and old. Some were running, some walking - at different levels of speed. The enthusiastic participants who completed “THE RUN” - received Certificates and Congratulations.



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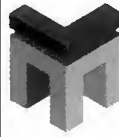
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