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The President's message:

Dear Friends, Members and Supporters of NLMC Inc.:

Greetings. So far, we went through this Winter with only a couple of snow storms. And, you can feel that Spring is around corner – unusual for February.

Let me start now on a different topic. Last year 2009 was the “**International Year of Astronomy**”. Do you know that UNESCO proclaimed 2010 as the “**International year of the Rapprochement of Cultures**”. It's an appropriate and inspiring message to the world engaged, unfortunately, in so many hopeless conflicts. It's a human tragedy.

However, by bringing closer the cultures and peoples of different nationalities and racial background – a more peaceful world will be the result. Let's hope – communities and nations can and will live in harmony.

We can be proud that our multicultural activities (100% voluntary effort) have been contributing to the harmony of the Communities in our Province



St. John's, NL – As for the last 25 years, on February 15, 2010 Canadian Flags were flying at the Dreher's residence (also H.Q. of NLMC Inc.) to mark the 45th Anniversary of the National Flag of Canada.

CELEBRATION

"RAPPROCHEMENT OF CULTURES"

SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2010
at the
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
PLEASANTVILLE, ST. JOHN'S, NL

- * Reception: 6:00 p.m. (Cash Bar)
- * Dinner: 7:00 p.m., Buffet, Hors d'ouvres
International Food
Desserts, Tea, Coffee
Greetings
- * Presentation of Scholarships
- * Multicultural Show, Door Prizes
- * Dance: Taped Music, 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
\$25.00 Members, Seniors; \$30.00 General Public
\$20.00 Students and Children (5 to age 12)

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and to Canada. With the spirit of “Sharing cultures” and UNESCO’s “Rapprochement of Cultures” – Multiculturalism is the right model for our times – and beyond.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Spring function on April 17, 2010.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Dreher, President

CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES.....

🌸 To **CITY LIGHT Restaurant** on their **1st Anniversary** – celebrated Monday Night, February 8th/2010 with 150 invited guests who enjoyed a **Special Buffet Dinner** (exquisite food, drinks and dessert) in a friendly atmosphere and the owners generosity. It was also an occasion to start celebrations of the **Chinese New Year – the “Year of the Tiger”**.



February 8, 2010 – The Owners of **CITY LIGHT Buffet** in their Restaurant: **Ms. Jenny Wang** (left) and **Ms. Lien Zhang** (right); missing from the picture is **Mr. Kevin Zhang** (Jenny's husband) – on a trip to U.S.A.

Best wishes to the **CITY LIGHT BUFFET** for a prosperous and successful business during the **“Year of the Tiger”** and beyond. Congratulations.

🌸 To **The Chinese Students and Scholars Association** at MUN and to its **President, Mr. Mu Li** (PhD candidate) – on their **“Chinese New Year Celebration”**: (1) Dinner at St. Augustine's Church and, (2) **Multicultural Show** (3 hours) at MUN's Reid Theatre. The event was held on Friday night, February 12, 2010. Congratulations on the successful event.



Friday night, February 12, 2010 – on the stage at MUN's Reid Theatre for the Door Prize draw (l-r): **Mu Li**, President, CSS Association at MUN, **Thaddeus Dreher**, President NLMC Inc. and **Grace Lau**, MC for the **Multicultural Show**.

🌸 **Congratulations to Theresa Lee**, daughter of **Hui Hsia Lee** (owner of Chinatown Eatery), who won the Law Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador Legal Research Award in 2008, was recently awarded the Department of French and Spanish Book Prize, and was accepted to several Canadian Medical Schools in 2009. Her family is happy that she has chosen to stay in the province and attend Medical School at Memorial University.



🌸 Congratulations also extended to **Michael Lee**, son of **Hui Hsia Lee** and student at the MUN School of Music, who won the Memorial University of Newfoundland Endowment Fund Scholarship, the Kiwanis Club of St. John's Scholarship, the Centenary of Responsible Government Scholarship, and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Entrance Scholarship.



We wish the young students (brother and sister) all the best at MUN and in their future endeavours!

🌸 To **The Chinese Association of NL (CANL)** and to **the Chinese Community** we wish to convey our best wishes of Prosperity and, for individuals in particular, Good Luck, Good Health, Longevity and Happiness during the **“Year of the Tiger”**. Congratulations to the CANL on sponsoring the **Celebration for the “Chinese New Year”** held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Pleasantville, St. John's.

NEWS, EXCITING NEWS....

We have learned recently that our loyal Members and Supporters of NLMC Inc. **Mr. Ted and Mrs. Julia Kwon** are working on opening the **1st Korean Restaurant** in St. John's, early in the **Spring of this year**. The Restaurant will be located at 194 Duckworth Street, opposite the **War Memorial**.

We understand that it will be a 1st class, upscale eatery with authentic Korean Menu and decor. We wish The Kwons success with their new business venture – naturally, with many satisfied patrons.

MORE NEWS...MEMBERSHIP...

The Membership Renewals for 2010 started on January 1st and, your continued loyalty (with the fees) will be appreciated.

President NLMC Inc.

SYMPATHIES.....

☘ To Mrs. Lisa Thompson and her Family on the loss of her father, **Dr. Gerald Thomas Kean**, who passed away, age 87, on December 18, 2009 at St. Patrick's Mercy Home, St. John's. We wish to convey our sincere condolences.

☘ To Mrs. Grazyna Waclawek and her Family on the loss of her husband, **Dr. Piotr (Peter) Waclawek**, who after short and grave illness at the age of 60 passed away on January 25, 2010 at the St. John's Health Sciences Centre. We wish to convey our sincere sympathies.



☘ To Mrs. Iwona (Inka) Kubiak and her Family on the sudden death of her mother, **Krystyna Sokol**, who passed away at the age of 82 on 28th of December 2009 in Poland. We wish to convey our sincere condolences.

NEWS FROM LABRADOR-HV-GB

Multi-Cultural Storytelling
Saturday, January 30th, 2010
1-3 pm
Labrador Friendship Centre

Welcome: Erika Stockley, Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism

Greetings: Mr. Thaddeus Dreher, NL Multicultural Council

Introductions: Our Storytellers

Ranjan and Subhadra Patro, India
Robin McGrath, Newfoundland
Lucio and Fidelia Beyere, Ghana
Andrea Webb, Nunatsiavut
Ken Mesher, Metis Nation

Thank you: Patricia Fleming and Janet Murphy Goodridge

The **Multi-Cultural Storytelling** was held on January 30, 2010 at the **Labrador Friendship Centre**.

The event was a Community effort, strongly supported by the Labrador Friendship Centre Executive Director, **Stan Oliver**. And, it was coordinated by the enthusiastic Committee: **Patricia Fleming (LFC)**, **Janet Murphy-Goodridge, (NLMC Inc.) Erika Stockley (OIM)**, **Andrea Webb (Nunatsiavut)** and **Ken Mesher, Chief Metis Nation**. The occasion was also celebrated with variety of food (and drinks) generously offered the 50+ participants who enjoyed the friendly atmosphere at the LFC.



1. (l-r): Erika Stockley, Janet Murphy-Goodridge, Anrea Webb, Ken Mesher, Judge Goodridge and his son William.

2. (l-r): Robin McGrath, Dr. Elizabeth Penashue and her husband Franklin Penashue.

3. (l-r): Andrea Webb, Subhadra with her husband Dr. Ranjan Padro.

NEWS FROM CENTRAL NEWFOUNDLAND – GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR

Fall projects for the **Central Newfoundland Multicultural Society (CNMS)** were stymied by the HINI threat, but the Society is now making progress on future projects. On Friday, February 12, 2010 the CNMS participated in its fourth straight Bowling For the Disabled Association with many of its regular participants and many new ones, in the form of nephews and nieces recently arrived from Pakistan and are now part Dr. Ghulam Dogar's extended family. **The Society raised a total of \$180 for the Disabled Association on this occasion.**

President Aubrey Smith informs us the next project being planned is a tri-partnership with **the Society**, CONA and local **Amnesty International Group**. The project "**A Taste For Justice**", chaired by **Ms. Sue Hickey**, a long time **member of Amnesty International**, will raise funding for and awareness of the many difficult situations our fellow human beings endure on planet Earth. **Board Members and Executive** of the CNMC had started discussion and preparation **for the Annual Banquet program**; it's an important community event.

The CNMS also welcomes to its midst, **Ms. Jennifer Saunders**, a keen advocate for world peace and **Mr. Jamie Valvasori**, a new provincial employee in Central Newfoundland to advance NL Government's Immigration policy. Jamie is also an occasional actor and can be seen on episode nine of "The Republic of Doyle" in a bar fight. We welcome Jamie and his wife to our town of GFW.



February 12, 2010 – At the Bowling event (l-r): Dr. Mohamed Boodhun, Ms. Sue Hickey, Mr. Rifat Saeed, Dr. Ghulam F. Dogar and a lady - bowling supporter.



*February 12, 2010 – The **Honourable Susan Sullivan**, Minister for Human Resources, Labour and Employment – brought greetings and best wishes for a successful GFW Winterlude.*



February 12, 2010 – Ms. Diane Bradbury, Treasurer CNMS with some of the "multicultural children" in Grand Falls-Windsor.



February 12, 2010 – Official Launching of GFW Winterlude with a Torch Lighting Ceremony (l-r): Mayor Allan Harkins, Minister Susan Sullivan and Councillor Amy Coady-Davis.

NEWS FROM LABRADOR - HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY

The Happy Valley – Goose Bay Campus of the College of the North Atlantic hosted its 8th Annual Multicultural Awareness Event on January 28th, 2010. The cultural spirit of students, staff, invited guests, and members of the community was clearly displayed in various forms. The event started with the serving of delicious touts and raisin tea biscuits which were made by the kitchen staff, a true culinary delight. **Valerie Hart** was the MC; she welcomed everyone and explained the background and importance of this yearly event. **Paul Motty, Campus Administrator**, stressed the impact of this event, the positive outcomes, and the importance of having an appreciation of and respect for various cultures. **Thaddeus Dreher, President of the NL Multicultural Council Inc.**, travelled from St. John's for this event and also reiterated the great news of valuing diversity and culture in our everyday lives.

The schedule included a Haitian video presented by the ABE class, a cultural song in the dagaare language by the Practical Nursing program, a fashion show by the CNA daycare children, performances of singing and accordion playing by **Gary** and daughter **Jennifer Mitchell**, two beautiful songs by **Jeannie Pritchett**, and a cultural dance by the Community Studies Program. As well, our College mascot, Nanuk, provided entertainment with his dance moves.

Dinah Andersen, an independent Inuit artist, demonstrated grass work; **Barb Wood**, an independent Métis artist, demonstrated painting, and **Mike & Ruth Voisey** (Slippers N Things) demonstrated slipper making. **Snow sculptures** were completed by the ABE, Aboriginal Bridging, Welding, Carpentry, Millwright, and Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Programs. Due to the nature of the “ice”, chainsaws, axes, shovels, as well as muscle and perseverance was required to create the snow sculptures. Great Job! Ceiling tiles were painted by the Construction Craft Worker, CAS, and Electrical students; they are beautiful and colorful and will be placed throughout the building.

Finally, booths were set up by Labrador Friendship Centre, Aboriginal Family Centre, Labrador Metis Nation, ABE class, and HRLE – Department of Immigration and Multiculturalism.

Thank you to our Multicultural Awareness team which is comprised of: **Valerie Hart, Bernice Tracey, Bobbi McLean, Sherry Turner, Janet Murphy-Goodridge** and **Erika Stockley**. A big thank you to all students who participated; this event is a success because of your efforts. Thank you to the Department of Immigration and Multiculturalism for providing pizza certificates for the programs; it is greatly appreciated.

This is becoming a larger event each year, and we hope to make it even more successful next year.

Valerie Hart

Chair-Multicultural Awareness Committee and Inuit Education Coordinator



January 28, 2010 – “Multiculturalism and Diversity” on the stage of the College of The North Atlantic.

NEWS FROM LABRADOR WEST - WABUSH AND LABRADOR CITY

The first meeting of the Multicultural Council of Labrador West (MCLW) was held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the Boardroom, Government and Community Services Centre at the Bruno Plaza, 118 Humphrey Road, Labrador City.

Nina Burford, the Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. There were 54 people in attendance. She welcomed everyone, introduced herself, and then asked **Dr. Pullela of the Ad Hoc Committee** to tell those attending how the idea of Multicultural Council of Labrador West came about. Dr. Pullela gave a detailed account how the MCLW came about and thanked all the members of the Ad Hoc Committee for all their efforts to start this first Meeting.

Nina then explained the proposed objectives of the new Board, and the MCLW which are:

- To celebrate diversity, cultural values, understanding, interaction, partnership and goodwill among people of Labrador West.
- To respect other cultures and share traditions. Multiculturalism makes towns stronger by integrating people of various cultures.
- To carry out activities and programs of a multicultural nature which promote, preserve, share, develop, and advance cultural heritage.
- To have standing committees that will conduct community education, workshops and / or conferences as and when needed.

Then Nina called upon the MHA Jim Baker, MP's Representative Gary Shaw, the Mayors of the 2 towns, the Human Resource Representatives of IOC and Wabush Mines to bring their Greetings which they did. This was followed by Mr. Gerry Doran bringing his own greetings and Greetings from the Federal Government on behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper. During question period Mr. Roy Hobson explained what Multiculture meant to him.

The the floor was open for nominations to the Board: Nine people were nominated and elected from various groups: they are **Dr. Pullela, Gerry Doran, Nina Burford, Roy Hobson, Reza Naghash, Asad Naqvi, Lise Boucher, Leo Arbet and Lucy Jararuse**. These nine will meet at a later date to elect the Executive.

Nina then thanked everyone for coming out on a weekend and the Mayor of Labrador City for arranging the Boardroom and the coffee. Everyone was welcomed to help themselves to coffee and doughnuts and to take time to mingle and get to know each other. The meeting adjourned at 4:15p.m.



The Board of Directors of the MCLW elected February 20, 2010

Sitting (l-r): Leo Arbet, Nina Burford, Lucy Jararuse, Gerry Doran.

Standing (l-r): Reza Naghash, Roy Hobson, Dr. Pullela, Asad Naqvi; missing from the picture is Lise Boucher.

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. **The Newfoundland and Labrador Multicultural Council Inc. (NLMC Inc.) will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday, May 2nd, 2010 at 2:30 pm at the Holiday Inn, Portugal Cove Rd., St. John's NL - with Elections to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.**

2. **Proxies** may be appointed for the AGM and only from Members in good standing to Members in good standing are valid - with the form:

I/We of _____ NL
being member (s) of Newfoundland and Labrador
Multicultural Council Inc. hereby appoint

_____ of _____ NL

as a proxy at the annual General Meeting of the
Council to be held on Sunday, May 2nd, 2010 and at
any adjournment which may take place in
consequence thereof.

This day of _____ 2010

_____ witness

_____ signature(s)

NLMC Inc. – Executive 2008-2010

President	- Thaddeus Dreher
Vice-President	- Dr. Plalinder Kamra M.D.
Secretary	- Josephine Tyler - appointed
Treasurer	- Valerie Darmonkow

NLMC Inc. – Directors 2008-2010

Mrs. Babs Carrim - appointed
Mrs. Carla Conway
Ms. Mary Gin
Mr. Steve Jackman
Dr. George Miminis, PhD
Mr. Maxwell Norris - appointed
Dr. Mallika Samarasena, M.D.
Ms. Margaret Warren



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. The deadline for application is March 26, 2010.

The \$500.00 Scholarship Awards will be presented at the NLMC Inc. Spring Function on Saturday, April 17, 2010 – advertised on the front page.

For any questions; please call 753-2917



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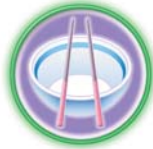
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