

# MONTREALI EESTI SELTS



MONTREAL ESTONIAN SOCIETY SOCIÉTÉ ESTONIENNE DE MONTRÉAL

## NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2014

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The **MES Annual General Meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at St. John's Estonian Ev. Lutheran Church Hall, starting at 11:30 am. All members and potential new members are invited to the meeting. Sandwiches, coffee and cake for all. The amalgamation of the two non-profit corporations, the MES and MEYWA (Lättemäe), under the name Montreal Estonian Society, became official on October 7, 2014. This AGM will be electing a new Board comprised of 10 members.

Ongoing **MES Language classes** will resume this month. Thanks to Skype video conferencing, you can now take part in these classes from the comfort of your own home. From beginner to advanced, all levels are welcome. Please contact course co-ordinator Tom Ventser for more information at (514) 694-2940 or tom.ventser@gmail.com.

The **MES Lasteaed/Kindergarten** group brings together families with ties to Estonia from the Greater Montreal area. It's a chance for kids to play together, practice Estonian and for the parents to meet other Estonian-Canadian families and to be involved. With the summer Family Camp and lots of exciting activities, it's fun for everyone.

MES Lasteaed meets once a month from 10 am-12 noon at the St. John's Estonian Lutheran Church Hall (4345 Marcell Ave. in NDG) – NOTE: For dates, please check the MES website calendar. For more information, please contact Astrid Dando by email at: astrid.dando@yahoo.co.uk

**MES Film Evening**: Friday, October 17, 2014 featuring the Hardi Volmer film, *Elavad Pildid (Living Images)*. Showtime is 7:00 pm on the big screen at St. John's Estonian Ev. Lutheran Church. Admission is \$5 per person.

**Concert**: Trio Estonia (Norman Reintamm, Aare Tammesalu & Arvo Leibur) with Aavo Kittask (Baritone). Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 7:30 pm, St. John's Estonian Ev. Lutheran Church. \$10 General admission.

The making of the traditional **MES Christmas sausages** for our community will take place on Saturday, November 29, 2014. The price of the 'verivorstid' is **\$10 per pound** and pick-up will be on the same day, (i.e. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2014) from 1:00-2:00 pm at St. John's Estonian Church Hall. Please note: if you do not pick up your order that day, your 'verivorstid' will be redirected to someone else.

NOTE: **Orders** will be **accepted starting November 10, 2014** until **November 21**, 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

**Estonian Knitting Classes**. Are you interested in Estonian Knitting (or just want to learn how to knit)? A Certified Knitting and Crochet Instructor is willing to teach the basic Estonian patterns as well as an Intermediate and/or Advanced class of Estonian Lace. Classes will start in October 2014. For more information, contact Tom Ventser at: tom.ventser@gmail.com

### RECENT EVENTS

The 9th annual **MES Golf Tournament** took place on Friday, August 2, 2014 at the Oasis Golf Club in Brownsburg. Photos and article can be found on the MES website.

Next year will be the 10th Anniversary of the MES, reconstituted in 2005, as well as the 10<sup>th</sup> annual MES Golf Tournament. Stay tuned for news about the **Gala Dinner Dance Fundraiser & Golf Tournament**, for the MES & Lättemäe, planned for the beginning of August 2015.

### OTHER INFORMATION

The MES would like to extend a warm welcome to **Tuuli Raamat**, the new interim pastor at St. John's Estonian Ev. Lutheran Church. She comes to us from Estonia by way of Finland and looks forward to meeting members of the Estonian community in Montreal.

**Membership fees** for 2014-2015 are now due. At \$10 per person, it remains one of the great bargains of the day. Don't delay - pay today! If you are not sure whether or not you have paid your current membership fee, or would like to join, please contact Kersti Leetmaa at: (514) 695-4194 OR kleetmaaster@gmail.com

We invite everyone to keep us informed of **Upcoming Events** and **News** of interest to our community, especially any news that features or involves Montreal Estonians. Please send the information to: info@mtlmes.ca

**Donations**: The MES can provide Quebec provincial income tax receipts to any individual who wishes to make a donation to the MES in support of its activities.

Your donation will be used 100% to help cover the costs of cultural and social activities that support the Estonian community in Montreal. Please give generously.

**Christmas gift ideas**. The MES now offers a range of high quality garments with an embroidered MES logo (see MES website). These items help promote the MES and are fashionable to wear as well. Why not order for yourself or as a Christmas gift for a family member or a friend! Contact Astrid Dando to place your order. Phone (514) 746-0220