



**MOOSE JAW
MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL
Annual Report**

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PRESIDENT' S MESSAGE

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Mary Tkach Vangsnes
President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR' S MESSAGE

The 2009-2010 fiscal year was one of constant change and renovations. We started in April 2009 by acquiring an additional 1500 square feet on the main floor of St. Andrew's Church where we relocated all of the administrative staff. By moving the administrative staff downstairs this allowed more room to relocate our employment classroom, then we merged two rooms to relocate an English classroom and finally started to renovate the daycare to accommodate 15 additional spaces. The domino effect of all of these renovations was trying on the patience of the staff but in the end we have a newly renovated space that meets the needs of our programs and services.

In April I was elected president of the Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement & Integration Agencies (SAISIA). Our organization has been a member of SAISIA for many years and I was secretary for the past five years. I look forward to continuing the work of SAISIA to help improve and strengthen services for immigrants in our province.

In July the 35th anniversary of Motif took place and we thanked the many volunteers that make Motif possible by handing out commemorative pins. We also had great entertainers and the highest attendance and gate sales in Motif history.

November was the MJMC 35th anniversary gala. There were many people in attendance that included past & present board of directors, staff, clients dignitaries and friends. We enjoyed entertainment, great food and power point presentation that reflected 35 years in photos.

In the New Year MJMC received funding to open a regional gateway to serve immigrants. We didn't have any more space in St. Andrew' Church so we have our first off site location. The gateway will start renovations on April 1st and we are looking forward to this new initiative.

The highlight of my year was a site visit to Damascus, Syria in March. I was one of 15 people chosen from across Canada to participate in this project. I travelled with four other delegates from settlement agencies. We met with staff from organizations that provide services to refugees prior to settlement in Canada, we attended the Canadian Orientation Abroad session and were asked to give feedback and suggestions and we met some Iraqi refugees that were ready for resettlement in Canada. The experience was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I learned a great amount of information that I look forward to sharing with staff and the community through presentations.

I would like to thank the board of directors and many volunteers for the time that they dedicate to MJMC. I would especially like to thank the staff for their patience during this past year of moving, noise, dust and contractors.

I look forward to the new programs and services we are able to provide to immigrants in Moose Jaw and area.

Tara Blanchard
Executive Director

MJMC Mission Statement

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council:

Welcomes and integrates newcomers to Canada, and

Develops harmonious relations among Canadians,

Through programs and activities that recognizes, respects and promotes the positive aspects of cultural diversity, and that seek to discover, encourage and develop commonalties among peoples.

Background

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council is a non-profit organization and acts as an umbrella organization for other cultural groups in the city of Moose Jaw and surrounding areas. The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council was formed in May 1974 and is operated by a volunteer Board of Directors.

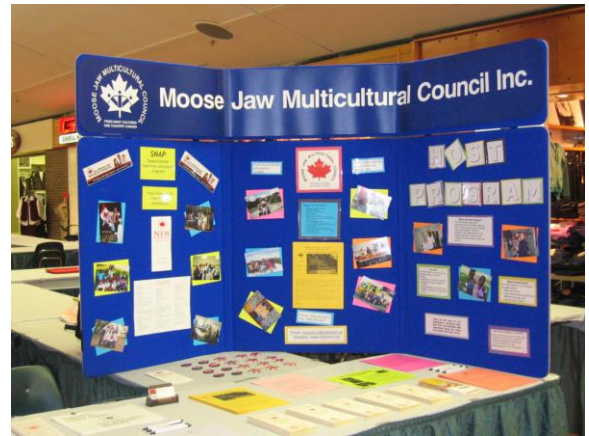
Objectives

- To provide direct settlement, adaptation and integration services to all refugees and immigrants in Moose Jaw and district.
- To discourage racial and cultural discrimination by encouraging an understanding of and an appreciation for our cultural diversity.
- To act as a forum from which immigrants and refugees issues and concerns can be collectively raised.
- To promote awareness and understanding between the newcomer to Canada and the community.
- To promote co-operation and mutual understanding amongst Canadians.
- To promote and to encourage the retention of language and cultural traditions as essential components of Multiculturalism.
- To act as a consultant for cultural and ethnic groups or any other groups with an interest in ethnic and cultural matters.
- To represent the interests of member groups in Provincial cultural, ethnic, and folk arts events and festivals.

Community Presentations

August 2009-

In August Joanne Ogilvie facilitated a presentation for Cultural Awareness of Transitions to Employment. Fifteen people attended from a cross-section of Moose Jaw. Joanne presented on Cultural Awareness in the work place explaining why Immigrants can face a number of barriers when they try to secure employment in Canada. First and foremost are the challenges with obtaining Canadian accreditation for their skills and education. Lack of Canadian work experience, lack of knowledge about Canadian workplace culture, low proficiency in English is also a common challenge faced by Immigrants. Joanne also spoke about the role of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council in the community.



November 2009-

In November the Host Program Coordinator Patricia Davies facilitated a presentation for St. Andrews Church regarding information on the Host Program, she explained that Community volunteers provide moral support and friendship to assist newcomers in adapting to the Canadian way of life. Sixty people attended this informative presentation.

Conferences & Meetings

May 6, 2009

Mayors' Luncheon

Patricia Davies and Janet Zinkhan attended the 2009 Mayors' Luncheon sponsored by the Canadian Mental Health Association Moose Jaw Branch. A PowerPoint presentation regarding issues on mental health and illness highlighted on such topics as:

- ❖ Types of mental illness
- ❖ Coping with depression
- ❖ Balancing work and family
- ❖ Stress Management
- ❖ Seniors and mental health
- ❖ Coping with difficult people

July 2009, Saskatoon

CERTESL Certification

Attending the TESL 42 on-site Practicum at the University of Saskatchewan was a great opportunity. I began training at this University as a registered nurse many years ago and returning to the U of S campus to complete my CERTESL certification brought my training adventures full circle. I attended, observed, and taught classes to complete the training phase for this session. I

wrote the final examination for the CERTESL certification in August. With all of the courses now complete, I will receive my Saskatchewan Council for Educators on Non English Speakers (SCENES) TESL Accreditation. I would like to thank my replacement teachers for doing a great job while I was away and my students for working hard during that time. Most importantly, thanks go to the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council and Citizenship & Immigration Canada.

Submitted by ~Carol Moran~

October 1 – 3, 2009, Banff, AB ATESL Canada Conference

Carol Moran and Laura Butt attended the ATESL Canada conference at The Banff Centre, Banff, AB October 1 – 3, 2009. It was interesting and informative. The theme was “**Weaving Pathways: Interculturalism & Language**”. The keynote speakers were Heide Spruck Wrigley, Dr. Bonny Norton and Lionel Laroche, Ph. D.

Heide Spruck Wrigley, Senior Researcher for Literacywork International and a fellow with the Migration Policy Institute of Washington, DC spoke about embedding the essential skills into CLB 1-4 and Literacy, creating professional development, and teaching vocabulary skills using a Picture Dictionary and approaching literacy through the arts.

Dr. Bonny Norton is a Professor and Distinguished University Scholar in the Department of Language and Literacy Education, University of British Columbia, Canada. She is also Visiting Senior Research Fellow at King’s College, University of London, and Honorary Professor in the School of Education, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa. Her award-winning research addresses identity and language learning, education and international development. Lionel Norton is currently, a series editor (w. V. Ramanathan and A. Pennycook) for Multilingual Matters, which will publish her forthcoming book, *Applied Linguistics and Public Health: Local Knowledge and HIV/AIDS* (w. C. Higgins). You can find her website at lerc.edu.ubc.ca/fac/norton.

Lionel Laroche, PhD, PEng is a Canadian engineer with extensive international experience who specializes in helping professionals and organizations reap the benefits of cultural differences in their work. Lionel Laroche being a dynamic, entertaining and educational speaker has presented at over 150 conferences and venues. His is an accomplished author of over 100 publications examining the impact of cultural differences on business in general and technical functions (engineering, science, and software) in particular. Throughout his training, coaching and consulting practice he builds on his years of international engineering, management, sales and human resources experience working with people from over 60 countries.

October 5-6, 2009, Saskatoon Leader’s Roundtable on Immigration

Tara Blanchard attended the Leader’s Roundtable on Immigration that was coordinated by the Conference Board of Canada and the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment & Labour. The objectives of the conference were:

- To understand Canada’s overall strategy for internationally trained professionals
- To create and share insights on how firms can best retain, reward and promote immigrant talent

- To learn about new developments and opportunities relating to immigration in Canada

Some of the session included presentations from employers that had hired immigrants through the provincial nominee program and presentations from immigrants who were facing barriers in having their qualifications recognized in Canada.

March 18-25, 2010 Damascus, Syria Canadian Orientation Abroad Site Visit

I was selected to participate in Canadian Orientation Abroad (COA) site visit along with four other individuals from across Canada. The goal of this initiative was to provide settlement staff from Service Providing Organizations the experience of the refugee movement in Syria. The participants were fortunate to be able to meet with agencies that assisted in refugee resettlement such as:

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Their mandate is to offer protection to refugees as well as identify refugees that meet the criteria for resettlement in other countries such as Canada and to submit their case to the Canadian Embassy. UNHCR also provides food rations and other necessities in cooperation with the World Food Organization and counseling and case management for refugees.

The Canadian Embassy (Citizenship & Immigration Canada): provides interviews and screening of refugees clients that have been referred by UNHCR for resettlement in Canada. They also provide the necessary documentation to refugees for travel to Canada.



International Organization for Migration (IOM): provides pre-departure information, assistance in boarding flights and making flight connections, assistance with medical and criminality checks, information on luggage and carry-on restrictions for flights.

The Canadian Orientation Abroad (COA) is provided to all classes of immigrants and refugees. The orientation varies from 1-5 days depending on what program the client is using to enter Canada. The orientation includes information on currency, culture, weather, laws and the programs in Canada that are offered to refugees and immigrants.

It was a great learning experience to sit with officials from these agencies and exchange information, successes and failures and to learn from each other.

At the end of each busy day we were fortunate to have a driver and people who were familiar with Damascus to take us to the souks (markets). We experienced the food of Damascus in various restaurants. The people of Damascus were very friendly and hospitable. Everyone was very easy going and the common response to everything was mafi mushkila (no problem!). What a great way to live life.

Many thanks to Citizenship & Immigration Canada for funding the trip as well as MJMC for allowing me to partake in this invaluable experience. I look forward to sharing the information I gained with staff for training purposes and with the community to gain an understanding of the worldwide refugee resettlement programs.

-submitted by Tara Blanchard

Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP)

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council provides immediate essential settlement and orientation services for government sponsored refugees within their first 4 – 6 weeks of arrival in Canada. This year, 43 government assisted refugees received RAP services through the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council

Direct Immediate Settlement Services:

- Reception for government sponsored immigrants and refugees at the Regina Airport and their transportation to Moose Jaw.
- Arrangements were made for an interpreter and community residents at reception, if required.
- Upon arrival in Moose Jaw, temporary accommodations and the immediate needs such as food or medical attention were attended to.
- A brief orientation regarding the city, their location, food store, and who to call if a problem arises were explained.
- The following day, the Newcomer was assisted to cash their cheque at the bank and shop for any items they were in need of. The Newcomer was brought to our office and the steps that will be taken to settle them in our community were outlined. Any concerns were addressed and sorted out by our staff. Major issues were referred to the Citizenship & Immigration office in Regina. Interpreters/translators were used at this time if required.
- We provided space and an interpreter/translator for the Citizenship and Immigration Canada Counselor to do documentation with government-sponsored newcomers.

- There was on going support and solution-focused counseling for refugees and interpreters/translators were called when there was a communication barrier.
- For all government sponsored refugees, assistance was provided in locating an apartment or house suitable to their family size and within the Federal Government rental rate guidelines.
- Arrangements were made for the purchase and delivery of furniture and household articles.
- Assistance was provided with the utility hook-ups: this includes gas, electricity, water, and telephone.
- Assistance was provided to move to permanent accommodation and introductions were made to the landlord and tenant rules and regulations were outlined, (if required, translation was provided).
- We were available for dealing with their physical and mental health needs. Counseling, referrals, arranging for doctor and dental appointments, and medical lab work were coordinated through our office. Arrangements were made to accommodate medical appointments in Regina through the Moose Jaw Volunteers Drivers' Association.
- Arrangements were made to enroll the children in school and assist the family in enrolling children in our daycare if required.
- Newcomers were escorted to a local bank to set up an account and apply for a banking card.
- Through referrals, the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council developed linkages between the newcomer and available resources in the community. Referrals include the economic, social, cultural, and health areas, which are crucial to initial and long term settlement success.
- Workshops were held to inform newcomers about Canadian society. They included financial budgeting, immunization, and other health issues, block parents, etc.
- We assisted newcomers to fill out an application to attend English language training. We notified Canada Immigration and arranged a space and time for newcomers to be tested for their eligibility to enroll in language classes.
- Students were assisted in arranging for transportation to English classes such as where and how to take a bus.

Immigrant Settlement Adaptation Program (ISAP)

In 2009-2010 settlement staff provided 1498 services under the ISAP program. Services were provided in areas such as information, orientation, home visits, referrals, translations, interpretations and solution-focused counseling. There were 36 new ISAP clients.

Longer Term Settlement Services:

- Our Council members invited newcomers to take part in the Council's activities and to contribute to the Community's Canadian life style and customs.
- Our office has a resource library that Newcomers can access. We have books, videos and computer software on Canada, looking for a job in Canada, English as a Second Language, the health care system, etc. Many of our resources are available in different languages.
- The first Tuesday of every month Public Health sets up at the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council to immunize and educate the clients on communicable diseases. The third Thursday of each month Public Health came to the centre to do a presentation for our students, topics include such things as: nutrition, reproductive health, parental skills, to name a few.
- Our staff assisted newcomers (within their first year in Canada) in completing their first income tax return at no cost to the client.
- Community volunteers and staff supported new Canadian families emotionally and encouraged them with friendship, counseling, and patience as they adjusted to Canadian society.
- We integrated newcomers into Moose Jaw's Community life. Our volunteer participation sets a good example for newcomers as they attempt to settle in Canada.
- We were also responsible for communication between newcomers and Citizenship & Immigration Canada.
- Newcomers accessed our office for information regarding applications for Canadian Citizenship, passports, travel documents, and the Permanent Residence Cards.
- Our clients received many generous donations over the year from Moose Jaw and the surrounding community. During the year, we received many donations of clothing and household items.
- Job search tips were provided relevant to our community. Preparation of a resume, and information as to a Canadian employers' expectation of an employee were outlined. We stress not only how to find a job, but what to do to keep it.
- Our computer lab has ten computers available for Newcomers to access a variety of English language software, which is available to students.

- Newcomers are welcome to work on the computers to improve their English skills, prepare for the Canadian job market or prepare to return to school.
- We assisted all classes of immigrants with filling out applications such as Saskatchewan Health Cards, Social Insurance Numbers, Child Tax Benefit and GST.

A welcome package is provided to all newcomers and contains the following materials:

A yearly calendar
 Saskatchewan Health pamphlets
 A Newcomer's Introduction to Canada
 Moose Jaw Multicultural Council brochures
 Canada Food Guide
 Settlement Worker's Business Card
 City bus route map
 Moose Jaw city map
 Moose Jaw Tourist information
 Canadian Human Rights Commission (translated copies)
 SGI pamphlet (Keep Them Safe)
 Know Your Rights booklet
 Colour photocopy of Canadian currency
 Address book
 Local emergency phone numbers
 Information on Canada's income tax system
 How To Become a Canadian Citizen pamphlet
 Canada Flag lapel pin for each member of the family
 International Women's Day bookmark
 Canadian National Anthem bookmark
 Nutritional labeling information
 Directory of Places of Worship
 Energy Efficiency in the Home booklet
 Hepatitis C booklet (translated copies)
 Host Program Brochure
 Summer Safety brochure
 Home Fire Extinguishers pamphlet
 "Knowing is the best medicine" pamphlet
 Canada's physical activity guide for children booklet
 Canada's Physical Activity Guide
 Names and address of pharmacies that honour IFH claims
 Gathering Information pamphlet (translated copies)
 Parenting in Canada (translated copies)
 Living in Canada pamphlet
 Taking Good Care of Yourself in Canada
 Cashing Your Government Cheque for Free
 Choosing the Right Banking Service Package
 Life Skills Manual
 Settling in Saskatchewan
 Life Skills for Women Manual

Saskatchewan Nominee Assistance Program (SNAP)

Saskatchewan Nominee Assistance Program gave professional guidance and support to employers who are recruiting immigrant workers; planned and implemented settlement; and created community and workplace integration plans. These plans support the successful settlement, integration and retention of newcomers arriving in Moose Jaw. We have worked in coordination with 7 employers

Enhanced Assessment and Referral Program (EARP)

Enhanced Assessment and Referral- (EARP) new clients may participate in this intake process that will identify any barriers that may keep newcomers from achieving goals such as language training or employment. In the past year we have provided this service to 18 newcomers and provided additional services to 35 clients.

Host Program

During the fiscal year the Host program matched 53 refugees to 20 volunteers. Here are some of the highlights.

Ladies Night is continuing every month with different activities such as crafts and games. Some of our activities have included planting vegetable seeds, playing Bingo, and making greeting cards and jewelry.

Conversation Circles are being held regularly on Wednesdays at the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council. It is a time for informal English Language practice. We cover a wide range of topics such as holidays, sports, food and current events.

April 2009

In co-ordination with Turning Pages, we set up a Parent and Baby reading group for newcomer parents and babies under 18 months. We have held three dates during the month of April and more to come later with three newcomers and their children.

June 2009

The Annual Summer Host BBQ on June 20, 2009 was held at Happy Valley Park. One Hundred newcomers and their families attended. We had lunch together, did some board games and coloring pages. The children all took home some bubbles.

September 2009

The annual Host Fall Picnic was held on September 26 with eighty-five people attending. We shared a BBQ lunch and played games.

October 2009

On October 24, 2009, the Annual Host Halloween Party was held. All of the staff, students, and volunteers were invited. We had a great afternoon of games with candy prizes, temporary tattoos and a cookie decorating station. Seventy-five people joined the festivities. Everyone left happy and full of sugar.



November 2009

A cooking lesson was held after school to show easy ways to cook simple meals. Twelve people were in attendance.



December 2009

The Annual Host Christmas Party was held on December 5, 2009 at SIAST. There were carnival games for the children as well as face painters. We enjoyed some refreshments and then welcomed our extra special guest, Santa. Sixty-five people enjoyed the festivities.

A student meeting was held along with the Moose Jaw Multicultural Social Worker, Velvet Wilkinson, discussing activities to do over winter break. This was done to encourage families to get out of the house for exercise, explore the snow, and to get involved with accessing Moose Jaw's resources.

A Snow Safety presentation was given to the students of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council to inform them of the importance of appropriate winter clothing and information regarding road safety.

Youth Night

Many say life is like music and the energy it creates is where our spirit lives. The sounds of many talented youths playing guitars filled the halls with music and laughter. The promising musicians with many hidden talents attended the Host Program's Youth night to learn to express themselves through music. Large smiles shone that evening with the satisfaction of learning to play the guitar. Thanks to John's Music and Tony Davalos the halls were filled with the sounds of inspiration and excitement. Other Youth Nights include designing your own t-shirts and other exciting new ideas!

February 2010**Winter Family Fun Day**

On February 7, 2009 in coordination with the Moose Jaw South Central Drug Strategy; (Prevention Working Group) the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Host program held a Family Winter Fun Day in Crescent Park. We played tug of war, tobogganed, and were shown a game called fox and geese by Katimavik participants that had volunteered. After everyone was sufficiently chilled we headed back to the MJMC for hot chocolate, muffins, and fresh fruit. We all slept well that night!

**Volunteers**

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council benefits from many volunteers that give selflessly of their time in areas such as our board of directors, Happy Valley Park, the LINC program, evening language classes and the Host program.

The LINC program recorded 1190 volunteer hours that were spent assisting teachers and tutoring students.

This year MJMC was fortunate to have two rounds of participants from Katemavic. Starting with Jason Wong and Lyndsi Peel.(January 19-March 27, 2009) and finishing with Kate Woolaver and Ben Currier.(April 16-June 19, 2009). Our Katemavic participants worked in our primarily in LINC classes, but helped out in the daycare. In addition, they also helped out with the rest of the Katemavic participants at our annual Holiday Parties and our Winter Family Fun day.



Immigrant Gateway

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council in partnership with Advanced Education, Employment and Labour is opening Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Immigrant Gateway in Moose Jaw as a first stop, walk in, collaborative service centre to welcome immigrant newcomers to the Moose Jaw region. The Gateway Centre will provide guidance and support in accessing information, resources and services, which will assist in successful settlement in the region.

Beginning in February 2010 a Gateway Manager was hired to begin the process of finding a space, hiring an Information Advisor and collecting resources. In March 2010 an Information Advisor was hired and a location was obtained for April 1, 2010.

Summer Program for Newcomer Children

This summer our children were able to participate in many different activities. At our facility, we have a large room with several tables, an area with couches, and a foosball table. We were able to use this room for all sorts of things, including indoor games and crafts. Our children made several crafts over the summer. Painting, cutting, and gluing were a favorite among many of the children.



In addition to creating our own crafts, the Multicultural Council partnered with the Art Museum and the children were able to spend a week in an art program. In the morning the younger children went, and in the afternoon the older children got a turn, as well. The theme for the week was Ancient Art, and the kids got to make masks, drums, clay models, etc.

The Multicultural Council is located in the heart of Moose Jaw, and is near many parks and playgrounds. Outdoor play was a favorite among the boys, with soccer always being the sport of choice. Crescent Park, located across the street, has large open areas for sports, a playground, and even a water park.

We were also able to take a few field trips during the summer. The children were able to visit the Tunnels of Moose Jaw, seeing both tours. The Tunnels are a dramatic tour, one showing Moose Jaw back in the thirties, and the other giving an idea of what it was like to be a Chinese immigrant to Canada during the building of the railroad. The second tour was especially interesting for our children, as each has their own story of their early times in Canada.

The children also got to visit the Saskatchewan Science Center on one of their last weeks. This was the highlight of the entire summer for many of the children. Our group split into teams for the day,



each with a leader. The kids were able to wander and play, but were also able to attend a presentation on the body, and another on fire.

Lastly, the kids were able to visit the local YMCA a couple of times. While our facility is large, it does not have an open gym as the YMCA does. We would begin with free play, usually set up a couple of relay races, and end with an organized game, such as basketball or floor hockey. Again, the visits to the Y were a hit, and all of the kids loved a chance to participate in some physical activity.

We also incorporated a lot of routine into our daily activities to help things run more smoothly. It gave the children a head's up on what to expect and then they knew when their favorite activities would take place. Every Monday was Movie Monday, and we would spend the afternoon watching a movie. On Thursday mornings we would play soccer at a nearby outdoor arena. Tuesday we visited a favorite playground a couple of blocks away.

While the summer was a lot of fun for both the staff and the kids, we also added an academic twist on things this year. As an education student, this was something that I really wanted to do, even though it was a huge job. With all of kids being refugees or immigrants to Canada, many of them are behind academically. All of them participate in an ESL program to some extent during the school year, and there are things that they are working on that I didn't want them to lose. During my planning week I made an appointment with their ESL teacher to find out where each of the children were at. From there I was able to plan some sort of program that would allow them to continue to improve their English, along with some basic math skills. On Monday, Wednesday, Friday, the kids did English work. Sometimes they would receive handouts from booklets I had, some days they would work on reading with a buddy or leader. I was able to round up several resources and had work for various academic levels.

On Tuesday and Thursday, the kids had a math period. Again, I was able to photocopy work sheets for different levels. Some of the younger or newer students just worked on numbers, whether it was using buttons for counting or simply matching a written number to a picture of an amount. All of the students did work with flashcards, as well.

While this part of the program was a huge success, it required a lot of resources, and a lot of extra time to plan, mark, etc. However, it was amazing to watch each child learn and improve from where they were at the beginning of the summer. The Multicultural Council is the only organization in Moose Jaw that offers a program solely for newcomers to Canada, and to be able to offer a program that nurtures and encourages academic growth throughout the summer months for these newcomers is incredible.



This summer ran so smooth and was an absolute privilege to be a part of. It was so amazing to watch the children gain better social skills, along with basic academic skills. The kids were able to have a lot of fun, while still learning a lot of things. It was a remarkable experience for them, and many had to be dragged home on their last day. It was awesome to have a budget that allowed them to participate in a wide range of activities, as well as allowing me to purchase the materials and resources that I needed to implement an academic program. I look forward to the summers to come, knowing I have learned from this experience and have so much more to contribute.

Submitted by ~ Kailee Brennan

School Break Program

MJMC hosted a winter break program for immigrant children ages 6-12 on February 16-19. The children who participated enjoyed a themed week that included studying penguins, whales, Antarctica and snow. The children enhanced their English abilities by participating in educational games and reading books. They watched the movie Happy Feet, the story of a dancing penguin and made some crafts. Last year MJMC piloted the school break program and it was very successful. Parents in our English classes have reliable care for their school aged children while they continue to attend classes. Thanks to Kailee Brennan for planning and supervising the program and to Jaydene English and Kelley Hunter for working with Kailee to ensure all of the children had an enriching and fun experience.



Daycare Centre

April, 2009- March, 2010 was an exciting year for the Daycare. We applied to receive new Daycare Spaces for children and we began our journey towards our expansion. Plans were drawn up and adapted for our new Daycare room. The children grew more excited as we implemented our



renovations into their program planning. We supported their learning by making blueprints from the children to incorporate their ideas. We also modeled their ideas by building with blocks and with marshmallow/toothpicks. The children designed rooms, and climbing centers. They were delighted to watch and participate daily in seeing the actual plans come together. The working crew was very patient with the children and gave weekly demonstrations of tools and equipment.

With our expansion, we received 3 grants. One grant was for renovations. Another grant was to purchase materials for our new area. The children were ecstatic to receive a new computer and equipment. Other items purchased were new furniture, carpets,

partitions, and new play equipment. With a third grant, we purchased new physical education equipment and began to enhance and develop our gym program. The sports equipment was a great hit!

We want to acknowledge and thank Early Learning and Child Care for their ongoing support throughout our expansion. Their ideas and designs helped to make our expansion a success. On March 1, 2010, we re-licensed our daycare for 35 children. With the increase in children, we also increased and doubled our staff. We all began a new transition to settle into our new roles. The new daycare Space was loved by the daycare children. Thanks to Kelly, Jimmie and their team of specialists at K & J construction, our expansion was completed quickly and efficiently.

We continue to offer daily programs for children ages 18 months to kindergarten. We are presently using 2 rooms- one for toddlers and one for preschool children. It is wonderful to be able to provide developmentally appropriate programming for each age group.

The preschool children's room is filled with wonder and excitement as the children are free to explore and discover in their world. A new science table and math center was set up for the children to develop their cognitive abilities. Art tables are always full with children actively exploring and creatively designing 'their creation'. An afternoon program has been set up to assist the preschool children in developing and fine tuning the skills they will need in kindergarten. These activities include educational games, computer skills, puzzles, fine and gross motor activities. The children are always excited to paint, cut, and color. As often as the weather cooperates, they make use of Crescent Park to explore and play. Neighbourhood walks are also a weekly occurrence. A highlight this year was when Indanah and Elsie took the children on a field trip to the Pet store. Baking and art activities were another of the children's favorite activities.

The Toddler room is also filled with equipment and toys that is age and developmentally appropriate for them. New materials were purchased to enhance their curiosity. Their daily schedule incorporates a morning playtime, a gross motor activity time- which may be gym activities or outdoor play, and an art experience. A sensory center was set up for the children to play and discover in. The toddler's room is self contained and the children eat their daily lunch and snacks in their room. A nap time is provided each day to meet the needs of the younger children, and a few of the older children who need it.



Throughout the year, the Daycare participated in a monthly program with the Moose Jaw Public Library. Arwen graciously offered to have a story time for our children. An art time and playtime was also provided at that time. The Daycare children loved the experience. We also had the opportunity to join the parents with a literacy program that was offered called 'Turning pages'.

Our Daycare is open Mon-Friday 8:30-4 p.m. for toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarten children. Snacks and lunch are provided during this time.

Throughout this fiscal year, we received 14 new children to our enrolment. Our total enrolment varied from 14-24 children. With the increase of children, we have had to add 1 more fulltime teacher, and one part-time teacher to increase our staff to 4 fulltime staff, one part-time and a couple of casual staff. We are a very busy place with lots of exciting things happening.

Career and Employment Preparation Program

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council in partnership with Canada Saskatchewan Career and Employment Services offers newcomers to Canada and local employers a unique opportunity in regard to working in Canada and hiring newcomers to Canada. As a part of the EP Program participants attended a 12 week Work Preparation Program, which provides a strong basis for successful integration into the labour market. The course includes education on skills development, Canadian workplace culture, resume creation, and job search skills. Participants also complete basic computer training, first aid & CPR A, and WHMIS to better prepare them for employment.



In 2009, 38 participants entered the EP Program; 22 of which are working, 8 which are enrolled in educational training, 7 are still in progress and 6 have moved out of province. Along with those 38 enrolled participants the program has also helped approximately 30 newcomers with: individual career counselling, resume creation, job search assistance, employer referrals and labour market information.

In October 2009, 8 individuals were certified in OHS (Occupational Health and Safety) Standard First Aid/CPR Level A/AED Certification. 2009 also saw 5 people complete the Basic Computer Training Course and 1 person complete Public Health's Safe Food Handling Certificate Course.



The employment program hosted 3 employer information nights to highlight the services that we offer. The information nights were open to all employers in Moose Jaw and the surrounding area. We have already gained great relationships with most who attended and are excited to work with them in the future. On October 7th we hosted a NAOSH(North American Occupational Safety and Health)

Presentation. 33 Newcomers were in attendance and were able to learn all about health and safety in the workplace.

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC)

The LINC program has three classes that operate Monday-Friday, 9:00 am -3:00 pm. We offer instruction from LINC I to LINC V. In 2009-2010 30 new students were enrolled.

Public Health Report

The Moose Jaw Public Health Nurses visit our centre for a number of reasons. They administer injections, monitor general health and help us when questions or problems arise. The students are most interested in the monthly visit the nurses make to our classrooms to explain health topics to the adult learner. The nurses cover topics from sun blocks and insect repellents to nutrition and food labels. They also present classes on sexually transmitted diseases and birth control. At times there are many questions and the nurses always speak at a level that helps the learners to understand. These visits benefit the students by providing another source of English to listen to. The students also become more comfortable when they visit the doctor or their children visit the health nurses in their schools.

LINC 1 Valentines Party

Great fun was had by all! The LINC 1 class hosted the MJMC Valentine's Day party this year. The class made invitations, decorations, and special treats. All staff and teachers attended for a fun afternoon of games, prizes, and treats. Thanks to the Staples Store for the gift bags for each of the students.



LINC 1 Mall Outing



A story was constructed by the LINC 1 class about their outing to the Mall after studies about department types and reading about a newcomer to Canada, who went to the mall to read signs to learn English. We visited the mall Friday afternoon to see the things we had learned. "We saw a lottery booth, jewellery stores, and many seniors. We bought cleaning spray, shampoo, two pairs of pants, rice, pasta, milk, noodles, and lottery tickets. Jemila and Freweini received free coupons. We met a young man from Afghanistan who worked at the mall and Seema met a woman from Libya. When we waited for the bus, it was very cold. We stood close together to

keep warm. Jason made snow angels, the bus finally came!!"

Fire Hall Tour

LINC classes visited the North Hill Fire Hall to mark fire prevention week. The children from the daycare joined the students for a tour of the Fire Hall. Firefighter Paul and Firefighter Dustin showed each group the control room and fire truck bay. Adults and children learned that the Moose Jaw Fire Department has two fire halls and



approximately fifty seven members that provide emergency services to our city and surrounding areas, attending to approximately 500 emergency calls a year consisting of buildings, vehicle, and other miscellaneous rescue calls. The emergency response personnel are dedicated to saving lives and protecting our property.

Turning Pages

Learning a new language can be quite a challenge, but will help people adapt to new places and also help them appreciate a new culture without language barriers. New mothers along with the daycare children joined the LINC classes at MJMC for story time and crafts with Glenda James. Glenda reads stories and discusses the importance of reading with children of all ages. Reading is an important part of learning. Our thanks to Glenda James (Sask. Literacy), for the use of her book collection, also.



October 2009

Thanksgiving Lunch

This year Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on Friday, October 9th, the last day of school before the holiday weekend. Our yearly feast has become a very special time for the students and staff of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council.



All the students roll up their sleeves and do their part in contributing to the meal. All the food is prepared on site, so it becomes a great learning experience for everyone. No matter what culture or tradition our students come from, when it is all said and done, they all know how to cook a real Canadian Thanksgiving dinner!

Laura's class prepared the vegetables, including: sweet potato casserole, peas, carrots, and broccoli salad. Doug's class cooked the turkey, stuffing and gravy. The stuffing and roasting process was demonstrated to all the students so that they would be able to do the same at home. Carol's cooked the potatoes, and arranged the tables beautifully.

With everyone contributing their efforts we had lots of good food to eat, lots of fun preparing it, and even more fun eating it! Thanks to all the staff and students who pitched in and worked so hard.



February 17, 2010

Winter Games Volunteer-

This is a collection of writings that students have prepared about Volunteering at the Winter Games 2010.

Submitted by Benga Shone:

Yesterday I went at 9:00 am to peacock collegiate to help in the community for the winter games. We are 7 in number including the teacher. They gave ID photos and we cleaned bunk beds. We worked in partners and we did well.

We collected some garbage. We used gloves and peacock collegiate provided everyone with volunteer T-shirts. We finished the work at 11:00 am. This volunteering job is important because we can be involved in community and we can use it for our Resume for future to help in the work place. I hope to repeat such work in the community as well as in some organization.

Submitted by Oksana Wainright:

Yesterday was volunteer's day. Many people went to other buildings for some work. First, we received our security card. Security card included name and year volunteer. Then we went to other classrooms. I think, working together is perfect to communicate with people.

Submitted by Mee Hser:

Yesterday at 9:00 in the morning our six students went to Peacock Collegiate School to volunteer. The first time we went to the office and registered our names. The worker in the office made one card for each student. Each student had to hang the card around their neck. After that we have to get the stuff for cleaning. We got the gloves and fabric to use for cleaning. We started at 9:40 and at 11:00 we were done. We finished 11 bedrooms. In one bed room there were 24 students living there. The students that went to volunteer were Mee Hser, Begna, Jules, Semerson, Abala, and Oksana.

Evening English Classes

The Evening English classes take place Monday-Friday, 7:00-9:00 pm. The evening classes had 24 students enrolled over the past year. We had many eventful classes, here are a few highlights:

Beginner Class- (Monday and Tuesday Evenings): We have been studying jobs and employment/careers; the human body; clothes and household vocabulary.

Intermediate/Advanced Class- (Wednesday and Thursday):

Study themes include Canadian Geography, history and culture; jobs and employment; and medical and illness terminology.

Volunteers: Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

Highlights of the classes include:

- Our Christmas party scheduled for December 18.
- Video, conversation and hot chocolate on Friday evenings.
- Presentation by advanced students on their first impression of Canada; included here are a few excerpts for their work:
 - ❖ "I felt like a bird which has escaped from a cage. The education is of a very high level and the language is very difficult for me to learn. Most Canadians speak their language very fast and it sounds like birds singing...I like Canada in the summertime best."

- ❖ “Every time Canada amazes me and takes me by surprise...The prairies are not flat and empty. The prairies have hills and ravines...lots of rivers and lakes...and lots of animals.”
- ❖ “I can have my own opinion and speak about it and not be afraid.”
- ❖ “A big surprise for me are the Canadian police...They help people. I feel very happy after communication with the Canadian police.”Canadian people spend their energy for communication (and to) help one another. They don’t have problems with survival. I like Canada. I am happy to be here.”

Media & Communication

Newsletter

- A four to six page quarterly newsletter was produced informing our members and the community about multicultural issues, cultural information, member group activities, immigration updates, and community events. Over two hundred and fifty copies were distributed at each publication.

Displays

- Set up throughout the year to profile some of the many services and activities the council provides in the community.

Translators/Interpreters

- The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council has a list of volunteer translators/interpreters that speak 27 different languages. They are available to assist when the need arises. Various human service organizations have requested the resource list. This list was updated and added to throughout the year.

Media Coverage

- The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council took advantage of many free public service announcements throughout the year. Press releases were sent out for all events. Every effort was made throughout the year to inform the public of our goals and activities.
- Moose Jaw Multicultural Council brochures and posters were distributed throughout the year.
- The Council participated in the Moose Jaw Exhibition Parade with a float and members walking along in ethnic clothing.
- Times Herald coverage was excellent throughout the year of special events and occasions. MJMC participated in numerous interviews and paid advertising.
- The local radio stations also interviewed MJMC and attended special events and occasions.

Special Events & Functions

April 2009

MJMC Bake Sale

On April 30, 2009 the MJMC held a bake sale at the Royal Bank. Lots of delicious baking was donated from the member groups and the staff at MJMC. The bake sale raised \$221.21 for the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council. We would like to thank all who donated their time and wonderful baked goods. Special thanks to Sylvia Stephanson, Dagney Marshall, Loretta Wright, Anne Chambers and the Royal Bank for their assistance.

August 2009

Canadian Citizenship Ceremony

On August 25, 2009 the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council and The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 59 in cooperation with Citizenship & Immigration Canada held a citizenship ceremony for 13 newcomers to Canada from 16 different countries. Citizenship testing took place at the Multicultural Council and the swearing in ceremony was held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 59.

Special guests attending the ceremony were as follows:

Judge Harold Gilleshammer

Ms. Stephanie Brassard – Citizenship & Immigration officer

Mr. Warren Michelson – MLA Moose Jaw North

Ms. Deb Higgins – MLA Moose Jaw Wakamow

Mr. Dale McBain – Mayor of Moose Jaw

Ms. Kathy Martell – President of Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 59

Mr. Bob McKenty – Moose Jaw Lion's Club

Ms. Mary Tkach-Vangsnes – President Moose Jaw Multicultural Council



Ms. Stephanie Brassard was the clerk of the ceremonies which were graciously hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 59. The ceremony was called to order by Constable Alan Vanthuyne who was dressed in the traditional red serge uniform.

Judge Gilleshammer's remarks welcomed Canada's newest citizens and reflected on what it means to be a Canadian citizen. He added that our multiculturalism policy makes Canada unique among many countries around the world. Following the swearing in under the "Oath of Citizenship" our special guests delivered greetings of congratulations. Our new Canadians received their certificates, a Canadian flag and pin. Ellen's Florist's graciously donated red and white carnations that were presented to each new citizen.

Following the ceremony, everyone who attended was invited to a reception provided by the Royal Canadian Legion and beautifully prepared and served by the Royal Canadian Legion.

November 2009

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Celebrates 35th Anniversary

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council 35th Anniversary Celebration was a great success welcoming from near and far many past members of MJMC, Board of Directors, dignitaries, and staff.

The evening consisted of the sweet sounds of Peter Allen on the piano, performances by Sijani, and recognition of the Board of Directors and Staff for their years of service and dedication. Linda Dirkson was honored by the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council and the Board of Directors with an engraved clock for her 20 years of service and dedication to the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council.



Congratulations to Rose Thome winner of the quilt, "Shivery Snow People" that was graciously donated by Karen Mundt. Many thanks to Karen Mundt for your beautiful work. Congratulations also goes to our door prize winners: Stefanie Palmer, Habibo Aden, Doug Cassidy, Bruno Kossmann, Suzanne Vance, and Maria Dolores Torres.

Thank you to our funders, volunteers and the community who helped support MJMC. Many thanks to all who joined us and to the Heritage Inn for the wonderful dinner to celebrate these great accomplishments achieved over the past 35 years.

January 2010

Chamber of Commerce, 800 CHAB & Country 100 Citizen/Group of the Year



The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council was nominated in January 2010 for group of the Year. MJMC recently celebrated 35 successful years as an active and charitable organization both culturally and economically. Our organization was very honoured to have received this recognition.

Congratulations goes out to Bob Fielding who was this year's winner for citizen of the Year. Many people affiliated with The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council remember Bob as a past president from 1992-2002. Bob was a member of the Prosvita Ukrainian Culture Society, a Ukrainian dancer and instructor. Bob volunteered many hours to our organization and continues to be supportive of our clients and services.

Winners and awards were announced during a chamber luncheon at the Heritage Inn on January 21, 2010 where Glenn Hagel delivered his 2010 State of the City Address.

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Board of Directors

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Indanah Boechler	Daycare Staff
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Ghawhar Shahidzadeh	Cleaner
Lorna Bratvold	Evening English Teacher
Ken Wright	Happy Valley Park

School Break Program Staff (February 2010)

Kailee Brennan ~ Rene Artiga ~ Kristy Ma

Summer Program Staff

Kailee Brennan ~ Rom Jukes ~ Jaydene English

Substitute Teachers

Dawn-Nica Mathieson, ~ Helen Todd, ~ Cheryl Reynolds, ~ Scott Elger

Linda Henry, ~ Hilda Reed, ~ Shona Stewart

Farewells

Sarah Thirsk, Jesse Kindrachuk, Stephanie Cossette, Velvet Wilkinson, Jaimee Richards, Carla Pompu, Tatyana Morris, Trisha Cave.

Member Groups

Member groups that are part of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council are:

- Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw
- Latin American Community of Moose Jaw
- East Indian Association
- International Women's Society of Moose Jaw
- Irish Club of Moose Jaw
- Moose Jaw Hellenic Group
- Moose Jaw Jamaican Association Inc.
- Moose Jaw Romanian Canadian Society
- Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club
- Moose Jaw Scottish Society Inc.
- Philippines Community of Moose Jaw
- Prosvita Ukrainian Culture Society
- Southern Plains Métis Local 160
- Moose Jaw Sudanese Community
- Moose Jaw Afghan Community

Group Reports

Romanian Club

President ~ Anne Chambers

Treasurer ~ Alice Rayner

Secretary ~ Sophie Gieni

Several club members cleaned the Romanian flower plot at Happy Valley Park. The club gave a cash donation to the Multicultural Bake sale. A barbeque club party was held at Merve and Alice Rayner's home. It was well attended. The Romanian Club participated in the Multicultural Motif as a guest club for one day.

A Christmas party was scheduled in January 2010 to be held at the Ukrainian New Year's Eve. A supper, entertainment and dance was enjoyed by all.

This report was submitted by
Sophie Gieni

Moose Jaw Scottish Society

The Society had nine paid members with an average attendance of eight. The Society met at Marion Tolley's suite/ and various other places for seven meetings.

With a meager bank account the meetings had little business. A time of fellowship and tea was enjoyed by those attending. The Society had been unable to add new members. Those attending were senior plus!- Long time members!

Some members assisted with the Motif booth with Russ McKnight in charge of supplies. A Federal Grant to Motif brought in Celtic musicians, Scottish dancers, and piper for Scottish entertainment.

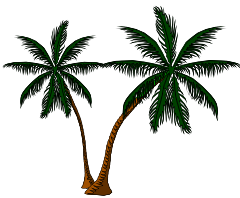
Activities during 2009 were: Robbie Burns Night, International Women's Day, Highland Games, Bake sale for Multicultural Council, Multicultural Council Annual meeting, Home Town Parade, Multicultural Council's 35th Anniversary, Remembrance Day.

The McFergus Country Dancers carry on practices, and perform at other city functions. In the later part of 2009 members were very undecided about Motif 2010, due to dwindling funds and few workers. The Society enters 2010 with a feeling of indecision.

Report submitted by Gladys McKenzie- Secretary.

Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw

In early March, the Caribbean Association made its annual donation to Kinsmen TeleMiracle.



The first meeting of the year was held on March 29, 2009. Some initial planning was done for Motif, and for our Annual General Meeting in April.

The Annual General Meeting was held on April 26, 2009. Further planning was done for Motif. At the Annual General Meeting, the incumbent executive was re-elected by acclamation. The executive officers are listed at the end of this report.

Two additional planning meetings for Motif were held on May 24 and June 28. A work bee to prepare some of the food was held on June 13.

Motif 2009 was held on July 10, 11 and 12. The Caribbean booth served curried and jerk chicken, white rice, rice and peas, Ena's beef and vegetable patties, and our famous shishkebabs. We also sold six kinds of West Indian soft drinks, as well as domestic

drinks. The Abbott Family operated their Sno-Biz Caribbean Shaved Ice concession in conjunction with our booth.

Together with the Jamaican Association, our group co-sponsored the Caribe Folk Arts Dance Troupe from Regina. The Caribe Steel Orchestra performed under the auspices of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council and Motif. The warm, dry weather contributed to making Motif successful, both financially and in terms of community exposure.

A number of our volunteers attended the Motif Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue held in Happy Valley Park following Motif.

Our group held its own volunteer appreciation barbecue at the home of Ram and Beena Changar on August 16.

The Family Christmas Party was held on December 6. Christmas gifts were presented to members' children of elementary school age.

In February 2010, following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, the Caribbean Association decided to make a major donation to the Red Cross in support of its earthquake relief effort. The earthquake came less than two years after major hurricanes hit that impoverished Caribbean nation in 2008.

The executive of the Caribbean Association wishes to express its appreciation to all its members for their continued hard work over the past year. We are also grateful to the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council, the Motif Committee, and all its member groups for their hard work and cooperation in 2009.

From the executive:

President:	Dr. Ramdath Changar
Vice-President:	Yvonne Bernard
Treasurer:	Ken Pilsworth
Secretary:	Alan Dill

The Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club

The Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club formed in November 1974. The Bowling League began 1975 – 2005.

EXECUTIVE (2010)

PRESIDENT	Sylvia Stephanson
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Loretta Wright

MULTICULTURAL/MOTIF

Mary Tkach Vangnes

TELEPHONING

Gustie Haystead

2009

The Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club meets on the last Monday of every other month (February, April, June, September, November) at the Cosmo Senior Citizen's Centre at 7:00 PM.

Entertainment After Meetings

VIDEOS – Norway

Denmark, Sweden, Norway

2006 Hometown Parade (Members and family sat on the Viking Ship float.)

Other: Members enjoyed reviewing 1974 Scandinavian Cookbook.
Visiting.

Donations

Royal Canadian Legion (Cross and poppies)

Events/Socials

March 8- International Women's Day- Mary Tkach Vangnes, Loretta Wright, Sylvia Stephanson enjoyed the various dainties.

April 30- Multicultural Bake Sale – "THANKS" to members who baked and staffed the Bake Table.

June 13- Constitution Days - Denmark (June 5), Sweden (June 6), Iceland (June 17) – honored by 16 members and family at an evening meal. The FLAGS were displayed on City Hall on the appropriate days.

June 30- "THANKS" to members who helped 'tidy' the Scandinavian garden in Happy Valley Park. "THANKS" to Dan Listoe for repairing our sign.

June 10, 11, 12- Motif 2009 – Sylvia Stephanson represented the Scandinavian Club as a "Greeter" and attended the Opening Ceremony on July 10.

On July 11 the Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club invited to be a Guest to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council and Motif. We sold our dainties and displayed the Banner- "THANKS" to everyone who participated.

July 14- Annual Picnic- Happy Valley Park- "Pot Luck"- A nice evening to enjoy the various delicious food. The weather cooperated this year so the 20 members and family enjoyed visiting and playing Bingo.

November 5- Moose Jaw Multicultural Council 35th Anniversary- Dagney Marshall, Mary Tkach Vangsnes, Loretta Wright, Sylvia Stephanson represented the Scandinavian Club- enjoyed the meal and entertainment.

November 11- remembrance Day- "THANKS" to Lois McMillin and Dorothy Olynek (dressed in Norwegian costumes) for laying the Cross and Poppies on the Centoaph.

December 4- 35th Anniversary and Christmas Celebration of the Scandinavian Club- Present and Former members, families and guest invited. TEN Founding members as well as FOUR (90 + members) attended. The hall was decorated with the FIVE Scandinavian descents. Ethnic items (Members) photo books and the 35th Anniversary cake- Maud Grand 98 years young made the first cut of the cake.

Congratulation received from -Glenn Hagel, Mayor, City of Moose Jaw.

Tara Blanchard, Executive Director, Moose Jaw Multicultural Council

90+ Member Lillian Brown

Gil Peterson (former member)

Entertainment- Dusty Old Farmers played Old Tyme Music and Christmas Carols while the Children and adults danced around the Christmas Tree (a Scandinavian custom) waiting for Santa to arrive.

GRACE- His Worship Glenn Hagel

M.C.- Sylvia Stephanson

A delicious meal – turkey, meatballs, potoatoes, and all the trimmings. Desert- 35th Anniversary cake and Cheese cake enjoyed by 8 "wee" ones, 14 children, 103 adults. Everyone received oranges and chocolates.

"AN ENJOYABLE EVENING !!"

Right: Founding Members: Mary Paysen, Hazel Mullin, (Wheel Chair), Mildred Watkinson, Dorothy Olynek, Melba Molde, Gustie Haystead, Alice & Art Cedergren, Don Grand, Maud Grand (98 years young by table)



Below: December 4, 2009- 35th Anniversary & Christmas Celebration Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club



2010

March 15- International Women's Day- Pot Luck supper- Mary Tkach Vangsnes, Loretta Wright, Sylvia Stephanson enjoyed the various items of food, entertainment, visiting.

Special Occasions

Birthdays

70 yrs- Sylvia Stephanson

75 yrs- Marj Jukes Dagney Marshall

85 yrs- Edna Burns Gustie Haystead Hazel Mullin Nora Perrins

98 yrs- Maud Grand

90 + Members

Ina Duckworth Vernon Lindquist Melba Molde

Edward Paysen Leona Sorsdahl Arnold Torgerson

The 90 + Members received a Rose Bowl, Life Membership Certificates and Cards.

NEW MEMBERS

Ina Duckworth Ruth Love Leona Sorsdahl

Present Membership- 39 (includes 11—90+ members)

The Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club lost the following:

Jessie Eidem Cliff Fysh Reginald Harris Lil Haswell

Mabel Holden Ted Johnsen Jessie Magee Howard

Marzolf

Mabel McIntyre Emmit Nelson Inez Sanderson Tony Schick Gerald

Tilley

Respectfully submitted

Sylvia Stephanson

President

Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club April 23, 2010.

The Moose Jaw Jamaican Association

- 2009-2010 was a busy year for the members of the Moose Jaw Jamaican Association. We started by having our annual Easter Hop. We also made charitable donations throughout the year to various foundations.
- Motif 2009 was a big hit as usual again this year. We had our own original food, dessert and drinks, not to mention our good old Jamaican Rum Punch and Red Stripe Beer.
- Then comes the sad part one of our members father passed away and he went home to Jamaica for the funeral. During this time of sorrow in a shining new light of hope came, a new baby girl was born and brought a lot of joy back in our group. Members of our group took trips to Texas, Toronto, and Calgary.
- The older members of our club celebrated a 90th birthday in January 2010. We had a birthday party at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Visitors from Florida, Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Jamaica, Fargo, Minot, and Regina attended to help join in this wonderful occasion.

- The Annual Christmas party was well attended by members and friends. We all had a wonderful time.
- Some of our members participated in Mosaic 2009.
- We would like to thank the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council and its members for their cooperation throughout the year. We would also like to thank our members for the handy work that we have been doing over the years to keep our club going.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lucelle Beach-Gordon and Jean Whyte

MJMC Funders

Many thanks to the funders who make our programs and services possible.

- Citizenship & Immigration Canada
- The Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour
- Ministry of Education
- Saskatchewan Organization of Heritage Languages
- Community Initiatives Fund
- Student Employment Experience
- Moffat Family Fund
- City of Moose Jaw

Affiliation & Committees

- Canadian Council for Refugees
- Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan
- Moose Jaw Chamber of Commerce
- Moose Jaw Housing Committee
- Moose Jaw Race Relations Committee
- Moose Jaw Regional Economic Development Agency
- Moose Jaw Settlement and Integration Coordinating Committee
- Partners Against Violence
- Regional Intersectoral Committee
- SaskCulture
- Saskatchewan Organization of Heritage Languages
- Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA)
- Saskatchewan Council of Educators of Non-English Speakers
- Saskatchewan Literacy Network

Happy Valley Park

In 2008, MJMC received funding from The City of Moose Jaw to build a shed at Happy Valley Park. Due to the construction boom, MJMC could not find a contractor and the shed was not built. The funds were carried forward and the shed was slated to be built in spring 2009. With the shed now completed in October 2009 we hope that it will reduce the vandalism and theft that occurs in Happy Valley Park. Special thanks to the many volunteers and groups that planted flowers, trimmed trees and helped to beautify the park. Thank you to Ken Wright for maintaining the park this year.

Motif 2009

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Philippines Ethnic Community

Anne Chambers
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Mary Tkach Vangsnes
Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club



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Motif Children's Cultural Area Staff

Brittany Gabel~Kayla Ma ~ Alba Zhou

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