



Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc.

Annual Report 2010~2011



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Presidents Message

As another year has passed, the MJMC has gone thru a transition of internal review and challenge. With the retirement of our original Executive Director and most recent Executive Assistant/financial controller, Linda Dirkson and our accountant Dave Fox, we were faced with major changes. We are indebted to their leadership in MJMC's formation and development of our organization and their years of dedication and caring. We wish them all the best in their next endeavors. We also had the resignation of our concurrent Executive Director, which presented a challenge to provide continuation of quality, responsible leadership for our many programs and multicultural projects.

Without the support of the Board of Director members, the office staff, the various department heads, Bob Fielding, the guidance and faith of our Federal and Provincial funders, and the many group members for their patience and understanding in our transition, this challenge would have been overwhelming. However, we were very fortunate to obtain the services of a highly qualified candidate, Mr. Randy Belon, who has taken up the challenge as Executive Director. You will find new changes adapted to some of our programs, more positive community awareness of our organization, staff's leadership abilities were strengthened, and the continued implementation of the newcomers gateway project which will enhance liaison in the Moose Jaw area and district. The staff at the Multicultural Council are very unique people who go to great lengths to achieve the goals and objectives of the Council.

We look forward to upcoming programs that may evolve for us to meet the challenges to promote Canada's multiculturalism policy and to welcome and support Canada's newest residents who will make their home in Moose Jaw.

Mary Tkach Vangsnes
President

Executive Directors Message

I have had the pleasure and privilege of guiding the strategic direction and leading program/service delivery of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council since the end of October 2010. The 2010-2011 fiscal year was an exciting and productive one for the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council (MJMC). Through the ongoing evaluation of client needs, the development and solidification of community partnerships and agreements with our funders, we strive to ensure that we are evolving to provide the best services to our clients within available resources. With support from our Board of Directors, our community partners and funding organizations, we were able to see the introduction of new programs and the continuation of existing services.

One of the new services we are currently finalizing is the development of a Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Program in partnership with Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Holy Trinity Catholic School Division and the Prairie South School Division. This initiative is on schedule to be implemented prior to the beginning of the 2011-12 school year. The SWIS program will provide an on-site settlement worker to assist newcomer children, their families, teachers and the school system generally to ensure that specific settlement needs are met and that support is available as required.

The Moose Jaw Regional Newcomer Gateway was another new initiative developed in partnership with the Advanced Education Employment and Immigration Ministry of the Government of Saskatchewan. The Gateway offers additional resources to newcomers in Moose Jaw as well as throughout a wide radius encompassing communities such as Gravelbourg, Assiniboia and Davidson. The Gateway will serve clients who are not permanent residents when they arrive in Canada. Family reunification, foreign students, and internationally recruited workers are some of the groups which will benefit from the Gateway's services.

It is important to note that the 2010-2011 fiscal year was not simply one of change and evolution. Amongst the new programs and new staff, many existing programs continued to serve our clients and the community. We continued to provide resettlement services, community orientation, employment and language classes, daycare services, overall general support to government assisted refugees and other newcomers to our community. We will continue to build on the thirty-six year legacy of the MJMC to provide core services and expand as needs are identified.

The work we do could not occur without the commitment of the volunteer Board of Directors. Their dedication to the organization is essential to community engagement and strategic governance. I would like to thank them for their commitment and diligence.

Our government and community funders also deserve recognition as the work we do would not be possible without their financial support and faith in the organization. I express my thanks to all who have contributed monetarily or in kind to help us continue our work whether they be from the municipal, provincial or federal level.

In addition, many volunteers give their time selflessly to the organization and we are grateful for each and every hour they put in. Moose Jaw has incredible community spirit and we are fortunate to be part of this vibrant and welcoming city.

Finally, the MJMC staff have proven to be some of the most dedicated and professional personnel that I have had the privilege to work with. Countless hours are given up on evenings and weekends to answer client needs and ensure that newcomers' experiences in Moose Jaw run as smooth as possible. Their dedication and goodwill is inspiring and contagious. As well, their work is shaping the cultural fabric of Moose Jaw while simultaneously helping people build new lives in our safe and beautiful city.

Randy Belon, M. A., Executive Director

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Mission Statement

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council:

- Welcomes and integrates newcomers to Canada, and Develops harmonious relations among Canadians.
- We do this through programs and activities that recognize, respect and promote the positive aspects of cultural diversity, and that seek to discover, encourage and develop commonalities among peoples.

Background

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council is a non-profit organization that focuses on immigrant and refugee settlement, adaptation and integration. It also 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 governed 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 refugee's 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.

CORE SERVICES

Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP)

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council provides immediate essential settlement and orientation services for government assisted refugees (GARS) within their first 4 – 6 weeks of arrival in Canada. This year, 33 GARS received RAP services through the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council. Citizenship and Immigration Canada did not allocate government assisted refugees (GARS) to Moose Jaw for the first 4 months of the fiscal year, thereby reducing our overall numbers from our anticipated target of 55 clients last year. RAP services include: meeting and greeting the client at the airport, providing temporary accommodation, offering orientation services, providing assessments, linking the newcomer to community and government programs and services and providing assistance in finding permanent accommodation.

Providing these services has given the MJMC the opportunity to assist newcomers to become more comfortable with and adjust to Canadian norms and culture. Clients have been able to gain and maintain a sense of well-being and confidence while establishing a foundation for becoming independent and contributing to their community.

The Resettlement Assistance Program is just a stepping-stone to the larger process of settlement and cultural integration (Orientation and Welcoming Communities). As the RAP process moves to the larger settlement and orientation services, clients are able to gain the confidence to pursue their own goals, further their language training and find employment.

Orientation and Welcoming Communities (Settlement Program)

After clients are finished receiving initial RAP services they are generally transitioned into the Orientation and Welcoming Communities Program (i.e. settlement program). Permanent Residents who are not Government Assisted Refugees are also eligible for the settlement program.

MJMC was able to provide information and settlement support services to 192 separate clients over the course of the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Of the 192 clients, 55 were receiving settlement services for the first time from MJMC. One-thousand two-hundred and ninety (1, 290) discreet services were delivered to these clients throughout the entire year.

Throughout the year, the settlement staff planned and carried out several group and individual orientation sessions on various topics. While certain topics were universal (e.g. navigating through the Canadian healthcare system); others were based on the clients' current needs (e.g. getting a driver's license, assistance with property owners, etc.).

Some examples of services provided include: how and when to write cheques, drug use and its effects and consequences; social insurance numbers and what they are used for; bullying; driver's education information; budgeting and how to allocate allowances properly; and what credit is in Canada and the pros and cons of using it (interest, credit limits, annual fees etc.).

Please note that this list is far from exhaustive. A more complete list of services can be found on our website (www.mjmcinc.ca).

In addition to the above-mentioned individual and group orientation sessions, the MJMC was also able to plan and carry out several special events that the clients could enjoy throughout the year. Special events that took place include: middle-eastern dance night, client/volunteer appreciation BBQ, youth bowling night, youth curling night, youth homework help and an International Women's Day tea. Once again, this list is not exhaustive.

Important aspects of the settlement program are recruiting volunteers, raising community awareness and advocating on behalf of our clients. The settlement program was able to help many newcomers understand their settlement options and gain a better understanding of Canada's systems and culture. Through referring and linking clients to outside community services, the settlement team was able to orientate clients on various different processes. Assisting newcomers in understanding how certain community services/programs work has given clientele the proper tools to become independent and gain the skills and knowledge to do things on their own. By guiding clients through these different processes, they become successful in making their own decisions with confidence, and they begin to contribute their skills and abilities to their community, province and country.

The settlement staff has also been able to introduce clients to various activities (social, recreational, educational and/or employment related events) which have contributed to the client adjusting to life in Canada.

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC)

In 2010-2011 LINC was delivered as a full-time English Language class offered Monday-Friday. MJMC was able to provide three multileveled classrooms, which allowed us to offer services to all ranges of learners from pre-literacy to relatively advanced levels. Using the LINC curriculum, each learner is taught how to read, write, listen to and speak English as well as learning about Canadian culture and daily living skills simultaneously. Learners also heard from special guest speakers and went on field trips where they were able to become familiar with their community and its resources.

LINC started the year with 37 existing students and saw 45 new students enrolled throughout the year with an equal amount (45) of students that withdrew/graduated from the program within the fiscal year. Total number of students that were able to access LINC training for the 2010-2011 fiscal year was 82.

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Regional Newcomer Gateway

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Regional Newcomer Gateway began providing services on April 1, 2010 at 432 Main Street North. The primary role for the Gateway is to be a first stop collaborative service centre that welcomes newcomers who are not permanent residents to the Moose Jaw Region (i.e. not GARs, but newcomers from areas such as family reunification, temporary foreign workers and students, etc.). We assist newcomers in their settlement process by providing guidance, support and referrals in accessing information, resources, and services.

During the past year, we have provided service to 162 new clients throughout the region. We provide presentations on relevant topics for newcomers and the community at large. The Gateway also serves as a community usage space as we offer groups a place for meetings and activities. The service area covered by the Moose Jaw Regional Newcomer Gateway includes Moose Jaw, Assiniboia, Coronach, Davidson, Gravelbourg and communities in-between.

Daycare Centre

It has been a year of growth and development for the Moose Jaw Multicultural Daycare. We have expanded our physical space and increased our available childcare spaces by 15 more children. We can now serve up to 35 children and their families. Our enrolment increased from 18-30 children throughout the year, which gave us the opportunity to develop new ideas and programs. Along with this expansion came new staff, new children and new transitions.

For example, the Ministry of Education established a Mentorship Program to assist the daycare in utilizing the “Play and Explore” program guide that reflects Saskatchewan’s early childhood development initiatives. We also had the opportunity for a speech and language pathologist to help set up a language program. In addition, the children undertook theme based learning throughout the year. Daily activities and the recognition of special days and events (e.g. Halloween, Valentine’s Day, etc.) added to the children’s learning process. Trips to the library and literacy initiatives which paired children and parents moved to further the children’s social and language skills.

Career and Employment Preparation Program

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council, in partnership with Canada-Saskatchewan Career and Employment Services, is pleased to offer local employers a unique opportunity to engage, hire and retain eager new Canadians looking for local work opportunities.

As a part of the Career & Employment Preparation program, participants attend a 12-week Career & Employment Preparation course, 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 will complete computer training, first aid & CPR and WHMIS to better prepare them for employment. On average, over 30 clients a month build resumes, assess their skills and credentials, create career plans, and search for employment opportunities

The Employment Coordinator at MJMC can also support local employers by referring qualified candidates, posting employment opportunities and performing follow-ups at regular intervals.

Cultural Sensitivity Presentations

Cultural sensitivity begins with recognition that there are differences between cultures that affect values, learning, and behavior. Such differences have the potential to lead to misunderstanding and stereotypes when they are not understood or are taken out of context. However, human values, norms and understandings vary significantly and legitimately and must be viewed as relevant and valid for people of all cultures. Cultural perceptions and practices are the reality of the person possessing them and affect every aspect of a person's life and their understanding of the world. Therefore, it is crucial that cultural variances are understood to assist cultural integration as well as to address stereotypes and racism (overt, covert and institutional).

Settlement staff at the MJMC offers presentations on cultural sensitivity within our community. We discuss how various cultural factors (e.g. language, gestures, cosmological outlook, etc.) can lead to misunderstandings among individuals and groups. The presentation discusses the differences between immigrants and refugees and outlines the process of a refugee becoming a permanent resident. The presentation also addresses cultural adaptation stages, cultural differences and cross-cultural rules of communication.

Interested organizations can book a presentation by contacting the MJMC office.

Summer Program for Newcomer Children

Each summer MJMC offers a Summer Program for Newcomer Children, which attempts to offer ongoing educational programming combined with art classes, excursions, physical activities and social activities. It is the only program of its kind targeted solely at newcomer children in Moose Jaw. The intent is to provide the children with an opportunity to continue learning over the summer months so that they are better equipped to deal with the classroom and social setting when they return to school in the fall. Additionally, as the children's summer program is operated out of the main MJMC office, parents attending language or employment classes have the comfort of knowing that their children are being cared for within the same facility. The MJMC collaborates with the Moose Jaw Museum and Art Gallery to offer the arts instruction component of this program.

Evening English Classes (Stage 1 English)

Evening English Classes occur Monday to Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The evening classes had between 19 and 22 students enrolled over the past year. Beginner Classes are offered two nights per week while the remaining two nights are dedicated to students with a more advanced level of English.

Beginner classes incorporate theme based learning on topics such as food, health, gaining employment, etc. These themes are woven into spelling, vocabulary, conversation and basic grammatical exercises. The intermediate/advanced class also incorporates more complex theme based learning on such topics as: Canadian geography, history and culture; Canadian government; obtaining citizenship; rights and responsibilities of citizenship; Saskatchewan geography and culture; jobs and employment; and medical/illness terminology. In addition, the intermediate/advanced class focuses on higher-level grammar, spelling, writing, conversation and essential vocabulary for everyday life. The students also receive significant verbal and written feedback from the instructor. Therefore, the students are learning writing skills as well as speaking, listening and reading. Many of these advanced students require sophisticated writing and reading skills in order to achieve their employment goals.

Volunteers

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council benefits greatly from the dedication and commitment of many volunteers. Our volunteers are special people who give selflessly of their time in areas such as sitting on our Board of Directors, helping maintain Happy Valley Park and working with students through LINC and Evening language classes. The LINC program alone recorded approximately 1200 volunteer hours spent assisting teachers and tutoring students. Our daycare is also fortunate enough to welcome large numbers of volunteers. Some programs, such as the English night classes, rely on volunteers to ensure all students have individual attention as they work their way toward a better comprehension of English. In addition, the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council maintains a list of volunteer translators and interpreters that speak 27 different languages and are available to assist when the need arises.

Media and Communications

Newsletter

- A four to six page newsletter is produced to inform 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 in Moose Jaw and at provincial meetings or conferences to profile some of the services and activities the Council provides in the community.

Media Coverage

- The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council took advantage of many free public service announcements throughout the year. Press releases were sent out for special events.
- Moose Jaw Multicultural Council brochures and posters were distributed to businesses, clients and other service provider organizations throughout the year.
- The Council participated in the Moose Jaw Exhibition Parade.
- Print Media coverage was excellent throughout the year. MJMC participated in numerous interviews and paid advertising.

- The Executive Director gave two radio interviews and a number of print media interviews throughout the year. These presentations discussed the overall function of the MJMC as well as special events (e.g. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, World Refugee Day, etc.).
- The Executive Director gave presentations about the MJMC's services to the Moose Jaw Rotary Club and Saskatchewan Agriculture.

Professional Development

Executive Director

Randy Belon, M. A.

- Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) Forum
- Charitable Receipting for Non-profit Organizations Workshop
- Settlement Workers in Schools Learning Event
- National Metropolis Conference

Settlement Services

Stefanie Palmer

Settlement Services Manager

- Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA) Learning Event (Canadian Orientation Abroad Site Visits)
- Literacy and Essential Skills for Immigrants Symposium
- Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) Forum
- Settlement Workers in Schools Learning Event
- National Metropolis Conference

Ken McTavish

Settlement Services

- Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA) Learning Event (Canadian Orientation Abroad Site Visits)
- ASIST Suicide Intervention Training
- Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) Forum

Joanne Ogilvie

Settlement Services

- Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA) Learning Event (Canadian Orientation Abroad Site Visits)
- ASIST Suicide Intervention Training
- Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) Forum

Daycare

Diana Brennan

Daycare Director

- Leadership Conference - Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association (SECA)
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) –Child Minding Advisory and Support (CMAS) Conference
- Site Visit- Sacred Heart- Preschool demonstration
- Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association (SECA) conference” The Art of Facilitation”

LINC & Stage 1 English (Evening)

Doug Cassidy

LINC

- Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) SK Conference

Carol Moran

LINC

- Briercrest College – Classroom Materials
- TESL SK Conference
- Overseas Refugee Camp Visit Presentation
- WHMIS
- TESL Presentation in Regina
- Briercrest College - Teaching Grammar
- Family Literacy with SK Literacy Assoc.
- Parenting with R. Morrish

Laura Butt

LINC

- Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) SK Conference
- Parenting with R. Morrish

Lorna Bratvold

Stage 1 English

- Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) SK Conference

Employment

Bree Hagan

Employment Coordinator

- Enhancing Your Competitiveness with Internationally Trained Workers: Creating Workplace Success

Regional Newcomer Gateway

Patricia Davies

Regional Newcomer Gateway Manager

- National Metropolis Conference

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc. Board of Directors

Executive

Mary Tkach Vangsnes

Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club

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Debbie Kreklewich

Prosvita Ukrainian Culture Society

Treasurer

Carolyn Dormer
Irish Club

Secretary

Directors

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Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw

George Whyte
Moose Jaw Jamaican Association

Sophie Gieni
Romanian Canadian Society

Laura Catling
Romanian Canadian Society

Colleen Garrioch
International Women of Moose Jaw

Janet McBean
Moose Jaw Jamaican Association

Mark Schnell
Irish Club

Gerald Hicks
Irish Club

Staff

Randy Belon	Executive Director
Gail Ennis	Finance Controller
Janet Zinkhan	Administrative Assistant/ Motif Coordinator
Alba Zhou	Motif Assistant
Bree Hagan	Employment Coordinator
Diana Brennan	Daycare Director
Christina Kelly	Daycare Staff
Indanah Boechler	Daycare Staff
Nicole Herbert	Daycare Staff
Jaimee Richards	Daycare Staff
Qing Zhang	Daycare Staff
Caroline Hrenyk	Daycare Staff
Stefanie Palmer	Settlement Manager
Elyse Lalonde	Settlement Worker
Ken MacTavish	Settlement Worker

Joanne Ogilvie	Settlement Worker
Doug Cassidy	LINC Teacher
Carol Moran	LINC Teacher
Laura Butt	LINC Teacher
Lorna Bratvold	Evening English Teacher
Patricia Davies	Gateway Manager
Dalise Hector	Information Advisor
Karina Zelaya	Spanish Instructor
Ghawhar Shahidzadeh	Housekeeping
Ken Wright	Happy Valley Park
Kailee Brennan	Summer Program Staff
Jaydene English	Summer Program Staff

Member Groups

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

- Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw
- Chinese Benevolent Society
- 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 Afghanian Community

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc. Funders

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

- Citizenship & Immigration Canada
- The Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration, Government of Saskatchewan
- Ministry of Education, Government of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Organization of Heritage Languages
- Community Initiatives Fund
- Student Summer Works
- True Sport Community Fund
- Canada Summer Jobs
- Moffat Family Fund
- City of Moose Jaw

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc. Affiliations and Committees

- Canadian Council for Refugees
- Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan
- Moose Jaw Chamber of Commerce
- Moose Jaw Housing Committee
- Moose Jaw Cultural Diversity Committee
- Moose Jaw Regional Economic Development Agency
- 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

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 in the 2010-2011 season.

Motif 2010

Like previous years, the 36th annual Motif was a great success with over 3000 people attending the festival.

Eight member groups participated by operating booths and supplying food and drink: Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw, International Women's Society of Moose Jaw, Irish Club of Moose Jaw, Southern Plains Métis Local 160, Moose Jaw Jamaican Association Inc., Latin American Community of Moose Jaw, and the Filipino Community of Moose Jaw and the Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club. As well, five guest groups participated: Peruvian Association of Calgary, Liberian Group of Moose Jaw, and Wakamow Aboriginal Community, Cambodian Group and the South African (Saskatchewan) group.

Our MC's were Heather Eby – City Councilor, Jerran Fraser – founder of the Moose Jaw clean-up Facebook initiative, and Fraser Tolmie – City Councilor. Headliners in 2010 were the Scott Benson Band, Dale “Bushy” Bush and Chung Wah Kung Fu.

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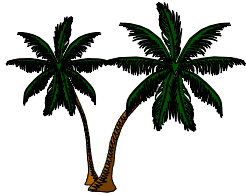
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Financial Statement

At the time of this document going to press audited financial statements were not available. Audited financials will be available for review at the MJMC main office and an announcement will be posted on our website when they have been received from the auditor.

Member Group Reports

PLEASE NOTE: Any views or opinions presented in member group reports are solely those of the author and do not represent those of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc. Group reports have been presented as submitted. Member groups not represented here chose not to submit a report for this year.



Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw

Annual Report

2010-2011

In February 2010, the Caribbean Association donated \$1000 to the Canadian Red Cross for Haiti Earthquake. We also made our annual \$100 donation to Kinsmen TeleMiracle.

The Annual General Meeting was held on April 25, 2010. Initial planning was done for Motif 2010. The Club also agreed to sponsor Daphanie Dill who is participating in the Walk for Arthritis.

Two additional planning meetings for Motif were held on May 30 and June 27. A work bee to prepare some of the food was held on May 22.

Motif 2010 was held on July 9, 10 and 11. The Caribbean booth served curried and jerk chicken, white rice, rice and peas, Ena's beef and vegetable patties, and our famous pork 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.

Our group sponsored Tony Corbin of Saskatoon to do two performances on Saturday, July 10. Tony is a solo steel drum player and singer. In addition to Motif, he performed at the Haiti Fundraiser in Regina on May 22, and at FolkFest in Saskatoon in August.

Our group held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue at the Dill residence on Sunday, August 8. In addition to our members, a number of others who assisted at Motif also attended.

The Family Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 19. Christmas gifts were given to members' children of elementary school age.

The executive of the Caribbean Association wishes thank 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 2010.

This year the Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. The group was founded in

From the executive:

President: Dr. Ramdath Changar

Vice-President: Yvonne Bernard

Treasurer: Ken Pilsworth

Secretary: Alan Dill

The Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club Report 2010-2011

The Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club was formed November 1974. The Bowling League 1975-2005.

Executive- 2011

President	Sylvia Stephanson
Vice President	Lynn Orten
Treasurer	Dan Listoe
Secretary	Loretta Wright

Directors- 2011

Bessie Listoe
Dan Listoe
Lois McMillin
Lynn Orten

2011-2012

Edna Burns
Reinhold Tress
Mary Vangsnes
Loretta Wright

Committee Chairpersons

Social	
Public Relation	Sylvia Stephanson
Membership	Loretta Wright
Multicultural/ Motif	May Vangsnes
Telephoning	Gustie Haystead

2010

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

Entertainment After Meeting

Presentations by Norwegian Students- Trym Alvik and Guro Vatne
Presentations by Danish Students- Josefine Rahbek and Yamit Rosenbach
Other- Visiting

Donations

Royal Canadian Legion- Cross and Poppies.

Events & Socials

March 15 International Women's Club- Pot Luck Supper attended by Mary Vangsnes, Loretta Wright, Sylvia Stephanson.

- June 17 Multicultural and Motif decoration a float for the parade- Mary Vangsnes assisted and was on the float.
- July 7 Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club garden, Happy Valley, cleaned by Dagny Marshall and Mary Vangsnes.
- July 10 Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club participated in Motif on Saturday only- 16 members donated baking and 10 manned the booth which was decorated in Scandinavian colors. The Banner was displayed.
- July 29 Annual Picnic held at Dorothy Olynek's home "pot luck"- 17 members attended; great food, fellowship and entertainment- BINGO.
- November 11 Moose Jaw Scandinavian members- Mildred Watkinson and Mary Vangsnes paraded the Poppies and Cross on the Cenotaph.
- December 4 Annual Christmas party with 80 adults and nine children attending. Grace was said by Dan Listoe and M.C. was Sylvia Stephanson. Special Guests were Danish students- Josefine Rahbek and foster Parents Dave, Valerie, Chelsea Braun and Yamit Rosenbach and foster parent Christy Schweiger. Entertainment "Just the Two of Us" (Chris and Marianne Weber, and, of course, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. We enjoyed a great meal of turkey, meat balls, salads and all the trimmings with a lemon dessert. After the meal was completed, "Here Comes Santa Claus" played and the children and adults danced around the Christmas tree (a Scandinavian custom). All the children received gifts from Santa. Oranges and chocolates given to everyone. AN ENJOYABLE EVENING!
- December 6 Finland Constitution Day celebrated at the Christmas party. The Finland flag displayed on City Hall.

Special Occasions

Birthdays

- 65th Connie Becket
80th Reinhold Tress
85th Paul Wenaas
94th Lyla Lindell
99th Maud Grand

Anniversaries

- 65th Myrtle and Don Bateman
Florence and Carl Brooks

90+ Members

- Donald 'Hap' Hantlemann
Sigrid Thompson
Eileen Trogeron

90+ Members receive Rose Bowl, Membership Certificates and Cards.

Honorary Members

- Trym Alvik,, Norway
Julie Jepsen, Denmark
Josefine Rahbek, Denmark
Yamit Rosenbach, Denmark
Guro Vatne, Norway

These students received Life Membership Certificates.

The Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club lost the following members-

Carl Brooks
Vernon Lindquist

Present Membership- 27 plus 11 (90+) plus 5 students = 43.

Sylvia Stephanson, President
Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club

The Moose Jaw Jamaican Association

The Moose Jaw Jamaican Association Group had yet another progressive year. Motif was again very rewarding. For entertainment we had the Caribe Folk Dancers from Regina. We served our famous Jamaican style beef patties along with other traditional dishes. Some of the members volunteered in Regina Mosaic. There was also a visitor from Jamaica. We donated and participated in the Relay for Life and also donated to the Moose Jaw Children Hospital Fund. We lost two members of the Jamaican; the founder Herman Nelson and the eldest Lilian Beach, some members went to Jamaica for the funeral. We thank the community for their support and we thank our self for the hard work that we have been doing over the years to keep our club going.

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