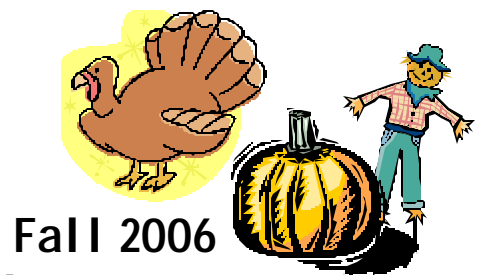




The Host Post



Fall 2006

PEI ASSOCIATION FOR NEWCOMERS TO CANADA— NEWSLETTER

Basin Head Fun

As one can see in the photos, a great time was had by the 75 adventurous clients, volunteers, and PEI ANC staff who came to Basin Head beach. Thanks to everyone for a very fun summer day.



A Warm Invite to Newcomers and Volunteers—Fall Host Event at Arlington Orchard

When: 1:00 pm Saturday, October 14th, returning at 5:30 pm

Where: Meet busses at Holland College parking lot on Kent St.

What to Bring: Warm clothes, and money if you would like to take apples home with you (40 cents/lb.)

PLEASE: Tell Erica if you are coming no later than October 10th.

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Welcome, Nancy and Jodi

Our newest staff member is Nancy Clement, with the Francophone Settlement Liaison Program. Jodi Misener is a fourth year nursing student who will be working with us until the end of November.



Nancy Clement

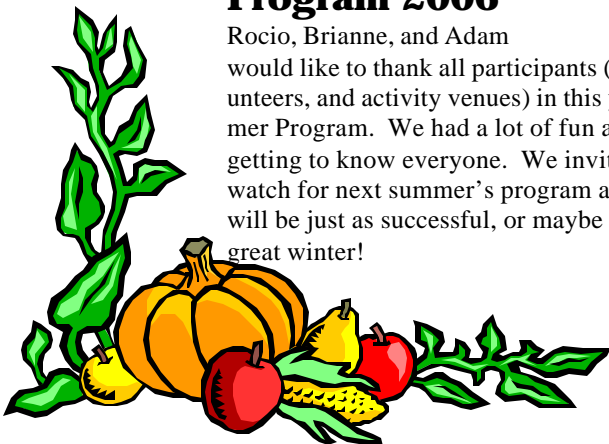


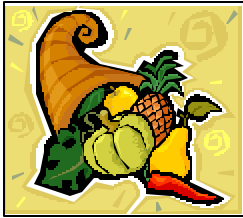
Jodi Misener

Greetings from Nancy Hello! I am very pleased to have started working with the "Association for Newcomers" in September. It is a big change for me, but I am eager to finally put my degree in International Development to use. I have always had a strong interest in other cultures, other languages, and other countries, but until now my path has led me to jobs in the education field. For the last three years I worked as director of a French pre-school center in Rustico ("Petits Rayons de Soleil") and before that I started "Full Circle Co-op School", an alternative school in Charlottetown. In my spare time—when I have any—I play music. At the moment, I play flute in Ruth Mathiang's band, "Gezeera", and flute, voice and guitar in "damselmy". My position here as Francophone liaison settlement officer will give me the opportunity to encourage cultural diversity on the Island. I will be looking for French-speaking families and individuals who would like to become involved as host families or other volunteers. I will also be seeking out employers who would be able to employ a French-speaking immigrant. If you are interested, you can contact me at 628-6009 or nancy@peianc.com.

ISL Summer Program 2006

Rocio, Brianne, and Adam would like to thank all participants (students, volunteers, and activity venues) in this year's Summer Program. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed getting to know everyone. We invite you to watch for next summer's program and hope that it will be just as successful, or maybe more. Have a great winter!





Thanksgiving and the Cornucopia

Did you know? The cornucopia (Latin Cornu Copiae), also known as the **Horn of Plenty** or **Harvest Cone**, is a symbol of food and plenty dating back to the 5th century BC. In Greek mythology, Amalthea raised Zeus on the milk of a goat. In return Zeus gave Amalthea the goat's

horn. It had the power to give to the person in possession of it whatever he or she wished for. This gave rise to the legend of the cornucopia. The original depictions were of the goat's horn filled with fruits and flowers: deities, especially Fortuna, would be depicted with the horn of plenty. In modern depiction, the cornucopia is a hollow, horn-shaped wicker basket typically filled with various kinds of festive fruit and vegetables. The cornucopia has come to be associated with Thanksgiving.

A Special Thank-you:

To volunteers Nathalie and Mathieu Arsenault, for facilitating the soccer club this summer, to Lois Darley, Martha, Kiera, and Ally Murnaghan, and Li Feng for doing such a great job with the cooking group, to Kathleen Eaton for providing us with a room at Con-

federation Centre Library, and to Mary MacKay for the great story in the Guardian about our activity.

Copies of our 2005-2006 Annual Report and financial statements are available at the PEI ANC office, and at our website, www.peienc.com

Volunteer Information Session-

**Thursday, October 26th,
Are you a long time volunteer?
Come and share your experience.**

Are you a new volunteer? Come to get some new ideas. Are you thinking about volunteering? Come and find out what you can do! See you at 7:00 pm, PEIANC office, Thursday, October 26th



A warm welcome to our first Karen clients from Burma. We are very pleased to receive you and look forward to being of assistance with whatever you need.

JOIN A WHOLE NEW WORLD OF FRIENDSHIP



Become a Host Volunteer!

Seasonal Suggestions for you and your Host Match:

Check out community events at:
http://www.city.charlottetown.pe.ca/residents/festivals_and_events.cfm
and
<http://www.gov.pe.ca/acsw>

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW

HOST MATCHES:

Martin & Hassan
Rollins family & Espana family
Sr. Catherine & Antonio
Eileen & Zachieh
Kathy & Andres

Testimony of a Host Volunteer, Kathleen Eaton

Our family decided to be host volunteers after reading about the program in the newspaper. We have lived in other countries and appreciate the daily challenges of living in another culture and learning a new language. So we were interested in helping to make the move to Charlottetown a little easier for someone else if we could. We were also interested in being hosts so we could meet new friends who would share their culture with us.

We were matched with the Alam family from Afghanistan. Both families have boys and this helped us get to know each other, especially in the early days when language was a challenge. When we get together the boys enjoy playing video games, watching movies or kicking a soccer ball in the back yard. Sometimes we organize outings such as the beach or the park but often we go visit the Alams and the kids just hang out together. Whenever we visit we enjoy drinking great amounts of green tea and good conversations. We also try to be helpful with day to day chores such as grocery shopping or going for immunizations.

Although we are not always able to communicate easily we manage. Recently we all went apple picking together and both families enjoyed the experience. Our lives have definitely been enriched by the Alams and enjoy having them as friends. We are looking ahead to taking the boys on their first Halloween night and sharing their first winter in Canada.

If other volunteers or newcomers would like to submit a testimony of their experience in the Host Program, contact Erica at: erica@peienc.com.



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