



PEI ASSOCIATION FOR NEWCOMERS TO CANADA— NEWSLETTER

Brookvale Ski Excursion

Two thumbs up for the ski trip! It was an unusually mild winter day on February 4th, for the 70 newcomers and friends who turned out for a cross country ski experience. The snow was quite slippery with a few green patches and large puddles which complicated things for the inexperienced cross-country skiers. In spite of the conditions, everyone had a great time and learned a favourite Canadian winter sport!



Meet The PEI ANC Team

Left to right: Aggie Missaghian (Settlement Coordinator), Cathy Ronahan (Employment Counsellor), Erica Carragher (Host Program Coordinator), Jeff Zaat (Multicultural Outreach Coordinator and ISL Worker), Rocío McCallum (ISL Coordinator), Mohammed Benabid (Francophone Liaison and Settlement Worker), Kevin Arsenault (Executive Director), Jennifer Howard (Employment Counsellor), Pam Garland (Office Manager), and Genesta MacInnis (Student Intern).



Volunteer Appreciation Night— Thursday April 27th

Volunteers, mark your calendars for 7-9 pm Thursday, April 27th at the Arts Guild on Queen St. This dinner and reception will be dedicated to the official recognition of our many volunteers who devote their time and energy to supporting Newcomers. Invitations will be mailed in early April.

In Memory of Hassineh Afzali

We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our friend and client, Hassineh Afzali, on Feb. 16th in Vancouver, BC. She was a very bright, kind, and beautiful young woman. Our deepest sympathies to her mother Parvin, and her brothers Tamim, Sunil, and Zubair. She will be missed by us all. (Left to right: Fineas, Sunil, Zubair, Vida, Aisha, Hassineh)

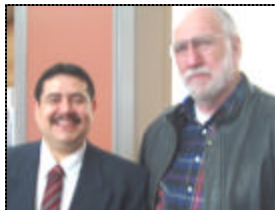


We Have a New President ~ Welcome Zeke! ...And Vice-President ~ Welcome Rimma!

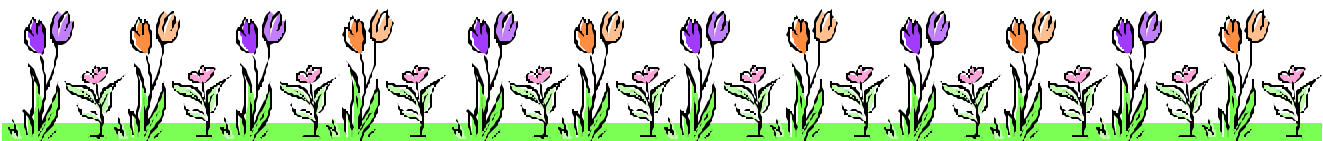
With regret we say goodbye to **Erick Silva**, who served on the PEI ANC board for 10 years, and was our President for two years. We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to Erick for all of his contributions to the Association. At the same time, we are pleased to welcome and introduce our new President, **Zeke Eaton**, Vice-President, **Rimma Kalchenko**, and new board members **Giselle Bernard**, and **Jim Hornby**. We are looking forward to working with you all.



Rimma Kalchenko



Erick Silva & Zeke Eaton

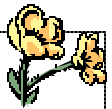


Volunteer Opportunity for Newcomers

Would you like to volunteer at a community event? The Friends of the Confederation Centre of the Arts is having its annual fundraiser 'The Pinch-Penny Fair' on Saturday, April 22nd at the Confederation Centre, which is a day of entertainment and good prices on household items, games, clothing, music, etc. Volunteers are needed to help set up and to work at the tables. If you would like to help out, please call Mary at 628-6141



Poetry Corner "My Age" by Kamal Rahim



The romantic Poet said:
Autumn's season-
A Natural kill and genocide for leaves,
I went into middle age
But my leaf soul didn't fall.

The aged said:
Winter season-
An occasion for hugging lovers!
However, I saw forty winters
But I didn't feel warmth in my soul
When hugging my love.

The brunette émigré said:
Summer season-
Time for travel to the north,
But I went very far
And still wear the scent of my country.

The amorous young said:
Every one in the spring
Pages of the diary are full
Of the loves,
When I look at my life span
Feel I have no spring in my age.
When I look in my diary
It is empty
Of the loves.

Employment Assistance Services Office Schedule:

Spring is in the air and it's time to get your resumé ready! You are welcome to drop in to see our employment counsellors, Jennifer and Cathy on Mondays & Fridays 8:30-10:00 am or Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00-4:30. If you want to see them at any other time, please call to make an appointment.



Need Help With Income Tax?



Call 566-9602 to have a volunteer help you file your income tax return, at no cost (\$0) to you.

Special Thanks to Masters of Women's Studies student, **Genesta MacInnis** for her excellent work during her 3-month internship here at the PEI ANC. She has completed a valuable project to update our resources. We wish you every success in your career, Genesta!

Congratulations to our Recent Host Matches



Census 2006



Every five years, Statistics Canada conducts a national Census of Population.

The next Census Day is Tuesday, May 16th, 2006. You will be asked to fill out a questionnaire which will be used to collect information about Canada and its population. Please see

www.census2006.ca

Congratulations



To **Aissatu and Ibrahim Fofanah** on the birth of their beautiful baby girl **Sadan** on January 6th

To **Ladhy Cifuentes** on the birth of her beautiful baby boy, **Juan Pablo** on January 21st

To **Hadzhira Said Hasan** on her marriage to **Wahid Sultan Aziz**

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* **Muchas Gracias...** *
* Alejandro Ceballos, Ivan Calle, *
* Andrés Vallejo, Carlos Cifuentes, *
* and Mabel Hernández for their *
* volunteer teaching excellence. *
* These five students have contrib- *
* uted their time to teach Spanish *
* free of charge to 30 participants, *
* for the past six weeks. Anyone *
* else who would like to volunteer to *
* teach their language, or partici- *
* pate in a class, contact Erica. *

JOIN A WHOLE NEW
WORLD OF FRIENDSHIP



**Become a Host
Volunteer!**