



# The Host Post

Summer 2010

PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada



## Volunteer Appreciation Night 2010



On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the PEIANC hosted its annual **Volunteer Appreciation Night** event in honour of all of our volunteers who devote their time, effort, and support in assisting newcomers to settle and integrate into their new lives in Canada and PEI. Our volunteers are Hosts, EAL Tutors, Business Mentors, and others who help out in our office or at various events throughout the year.



Photo by: Lisa Hill

Over 100 volunteers, immigrants, refugees, and community members joined us at the Charlottetown Fire Station Banquet Hall to recognize the valuable contributions of our volunteers. Both newcomers and PEIANC staff shared their experiences of when volunteers had made a difference. Then, we celebrated with multi-cultural performances and an international dinner including Afghani food catered by Akbar & Sara Sadat, and Taiwanese food catered by Aing Liao. Thank you to everyone who came out to recognize the valuable contributions of the PEIANC volunteers. We hope you had a great time!



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## World Refugee Day Picnic

Celebrate **World Refugee Day** with the PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada, as we recognize the courage of refugees, and the many skills and talents they contribute to PEI communities as new Canadians. Join us for some fun in the sun and a picnic in the park!

The event will be on **Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-4pm** at Hillsborough Park, downtown Charlottetown. If it rains, we will be at the PEIANC office in the 3rd floor meeting space.

The event is **FREE** and everyone is welcome!



## Interested in sharing info about your culture with us?



The Multicultural Education Program at the PEIANC is inviting you to share your culture with us! With your help, we will develop presentations about your culture and share them with schools, businesses, and community organizations in PEI.

If you would like to participate, please contact Lisa Duffy at [lisad@peianc.com](mailto:lisad@peianc.com) or Greg Anderson at [greg@peianc.com](mailto:greg@peianc.com).



## DiverseCity 2010 PEI's Annual Multicultural Street Festival



**What?** A friendly, admission free **MULTICULTURAL STREET FESTIVAL** featuring live music, dance, kids activities, international food, and more!

**When?** Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 4-10pm

**Where?** Victoria Row, Charlottetown  
(Rain location: The Guild)

## Want to help an immigrant entrepreneur start or expand a business in PEI?

The PEIANC is recruiting volunteer Business Mentors to provide information and guidance to immigrant entrepreneurs regarding starting, expanding, and managing a business in PEI.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can become a Business Mentor, contact Marilenne Ureña at [marilenne@peianc.com](mailto:marilenne@peianc.com).

# Spring Host Event 2010 Family Tennis Day

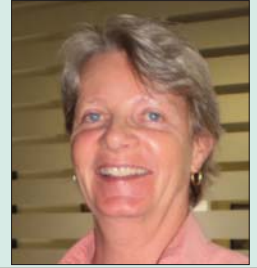
On June 5<sup>th</sup>, over 100 newcomers, volunteers, and PEIANC staff came together at the Victoria Park Tennis Club to enjoy a day of tennis and a good ol' Canadian barbeque. We started the day with 2 hours of tennis instruction provided by TennisPEI. When we arrived, all participants were divided into groups, based on age. The qualified instructors taught some basic tennis skills then the games began! Most participants were beginners but that didn't stop anyone from having fun. It was great to see so many smiling faces getting out for some exercise and enjoying time together. When the games were finished, we relaxed and shared a BBQ lunch with hot dogs, coleslaw, potato salad, and more. What a great way to spend a Saturday!

We'd like to extend a special thanks to TennisPEI for partnering with us. Also, thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the day. We'll keep you posted on our next event coming up this summer!



Photos by:  
Marilene Ureña  
&  
Naomi Arron

Welcome to the newest member at PEIANC!



**Aileen Petrie  
EAS**

I am excited to join the awesome team at Employment Assistance Services. Assisting clients to achieve their goals is extremely rewarding. I look forward to the busy year ahead!

## Celebrate National Aboriginal Day!

**Date:** Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
**Time:** Noon  
**Place:** Victoria Park

The Native Council of Prince Edward Island invites you to celebrate National Aboriginal Day.

This day is an opportunity for Aboriginal people to showcase and share their diverse cultural heritage. It also allows Islanders to learn about the traditions and outstanding contributions of Aboriginal peoples across the country.

Celebration activities include: 8th Annual Moccasin Walk for Diabetes Awareness and Prevention (registration 9:30 at the Farmer's Market), drumming, dancing, singing, storytelling, craft demonstrations, games, barbeque and shellfish feast.



## Congratulations to...

Jennifer and Joey Jeffrey on the birth of Claire Elizabeth born on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Jennifer will be away on maternity leave until April 2011.



## Quote of the Day

"It's not what you gather but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived." - Helen Walton

## Frequently Asked questions (FAQ's) English as an Additional Language (EAL) Tutor Program

### 1. What is the EAL Tutor Program?

The EAL Tutor Program matches trained EAL tutor volunteers with adult newcomers to assist them to speak, read, and write English. The program is offered through a partnership between the PEIANC and the Confederation Centre Public Library.

### 2. How can I become an EAL Tutor?

All tutors must attend our free tutor training course (5 sessions). They must also submit all required documents prior to tutoring includ-

ing an application form with 3 personal references, a criminal record check, and a signed confidentiality agreement.

### 3. What is the EAL tutor commitment?

EAL tutors commit to tutoring an adult learner 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. This involves planning lessons and activities for your learner, as well as following your learner's progress.

For more info, contact Marilene at 628-6009 or marilene@peianc.com.



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