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Indu Jaiswal:

President's Message



This photo was taken at the Teacher Award night held on May 10th 2010 to recognize the work of our Heritage Language Teachers.

A full report on this year's Award Night is available on sections that follow, so I will not say too much about that event,

except to say that the evening was very well attended and in my opinion went over very well. MLAR's Teacher Award Night is always one of the main highlights of each school year and is always held in the month of May which is near the end of each Heritage Language school year.

Besides being an occasion where the work of the Heritage Language Teachers is given recognition, the Award Night is also an occasion for other dedicated individuals to be recognized for their contributions. Dr. Jane Thurgood Sagal brought greetings from the Government of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Education which is a major supporter of the Heritage Language Program. She also accepted the Honorary Life Membership Award on behalf of her husband Ken.

As MLAR President I would like to thank all MLAR Board Members and other volunteers whose work again helped to make this annual event a memorable and successful evening. A special thank you to volunteers Dr. Jim and Manju Leskun for helping with registration, and to young Neil Leskun for taking photographs, and congratulations to all award recipients identified in the pages that follow.

Heritage Language Teachers Award Night 2010



Following some brief reports as part of MLAR's semi-annual AGM, emcee Ved Arora and President Indu Jaiswal welcomed everyone, and introduced the following special guests:

Dr. Jane Thurgood Sagal who brought greetings on behalf of Saskatchewan Ministry of Education. She is the Executive Director, Curriculum and E-Learning Branch. She oversees the renewal of provincial curriculum and evaluation of resources and also oversees the development of policy on Core Curriculum.

Jan Seibel, past president SaskCulture, but currently a lawyer with the Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission, has worked as a visual artist and volunteer with Saskatchewan Arts. She continues to work as a volunteer in the cultural community and brought greetings from SaskCulture as a SaskCulture committee Member.

Bruce Baldwin Supt of Instruction and School Services brought greetings on behalf of the Regina Public School System. He has been an employee of the Regina School Board for 31 years.





Sarah Scarff also works with the Regina School System. In March this year she was the Facilitator at a MLAR Teacher Workshop and was one of the Judges that made the selection of recipients for this year's Teacher Awards.



Tony Harras, MLAR Past President and now Vice President of SOHL brought greetings from Sask. Organization for Heritage Languages. He is also a Board Member of SMCA responsible for management of property

at 2144 Cornwall Street (RMC,SOHL,MLAR offices).

Following welcomes and introductions, some lively stage entertainment was provided by the following:



Dances by Regina School of Chinese Studies



Dances by Mythos Group–Greek Language School

Buffet Luncheon, Gifts and Door Prizes

During the Buffet Luncheon everyone at their table received a gift of a combination clock and calculator and an MLAR Pen, distributed by MLAR Vice President Raphael Hwang and by Manju Leskun. Several Door Prizes donated by various organizations including SaskCulture and SaskEnergy were given out by MLAR Board Member Faith Ene and by RMS volunteer Committee Member Bindu Senthil Kumar.

Recognition of Retiring MLAR Board Members

Prior to the Teacher Award presentations, the following former MLAR Board Members who retired from the board were recognized by President Indu:

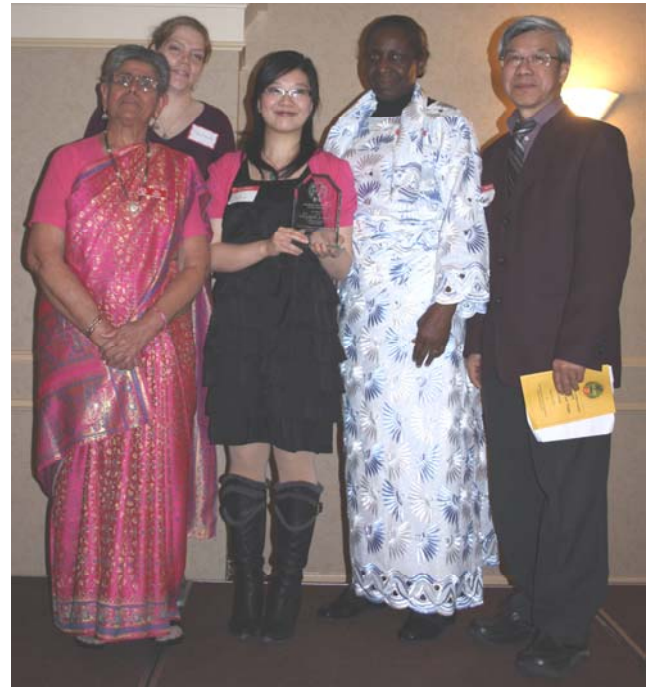
Tito Roman, past President and Vice President

Senthil Damodharan, Secretary 2008-2010

Tin Nguyen, Board Member 2008-2010

This was followed by presentation of the **Honorary Life Membership Award** which this year was awarded to **Ken Sagal**, accepted on his behalf by Dr. Jane Thurgood Sagal.

Heritage Language Teacher Awards



This year's **New Teacher Award** was presented to **Juan Daisy Gui**, Regina School of Chinese Studies.

Left to Right: Indu Jaiswal, Sarah Scarff, **Juan Daisy Gui**, Rebecca Otitoju (MLAR Board Member and co-emcee for the evening) and Raphael Hwang, Principal of the Regina School of Chinese Studies and current Vice President of MLAR.



This year's **Long-Term Teacher Award** went to **Eugene Ogu** of the Igbo Language School.
Left to Right: emcee Ved Arora, Sarah Scarff, Indu Jaiswal, **Eugene Ogu**, co-emcee Rebecca Otitoju, and Faith Ene, MLAR Board Member.



A special Honorary Language Teacher Award was presented this year to **Mildred Ihlen** who has been teaching the Norwegian Language for more than 38 years. The award was presented to her by Lyla Gess, principal of the Scandinavian Languages School.
Left to Right: Ved Arora, Indu Jaiswal, Lyla Gess, **Mildred Ihlen**, and Sarah Scarff.



Prior to the evening's closing ceremony, flowers were presented to the following in recognition of the fact that the spouses of volunteers also contribute to the work of MLAR and of other Heritage Language program volunteers. Flowers presented to Santosh Arora (left), Paul Jaiswal (center) and Manju Leskun, spouse of Dr Jim Leskun in charge of registration.

Heritage Language School Reports



The Regina School of Chinese Studies will host a 5-day Community-wide Chinese Summer Culture Camp sponsored by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission, to promote Chinese culture. The camp will be held from July 12 to 16, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, at the Regina School of Chinese Studies, 3010E Arens Road. Programs will include Chinese folk dances, handicrafts, Chinese Yoyo and Physical Education including Kung-fu.



Tribal Dance - Modern Dance – Kung Fu Dance



Registration: Starts now for children 8 years and older, \$15 per Child. Capacity is 50. Call 789 – 0877 Church Secretary, or 789 - 7872 Raphael, or email to rscsinfo@sasktel.net.

Greek Language School Celebration



The above picture shows the students of the Greek School celebrating the March 25th 1821 Greek Independence day as celebrated in March 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 2010-2011 PLANNING

The Annual **Heritage Language Principals' Meeting** will be held on **August 30th, 2010** at the Travelodge starting at 7:00 p.m.. This is an important meeting to finalize plans for classroom space at Balfour and Campbell, to discuss various other matters with Heritage Language Group representatives, and to elaborate on planned activities for the 2010-2011 Heritage Language school year.

BALFOUR COLLEGIATE

Principals of Language Groups who have not yet provided MLAR Office with information required to make arrangements with the City of Regina and with **Balfour** Administration must do so as soon as possible or may not be able to have access to classroom space for 2010-2011.

The following information is required:

1. Number of classrooms required.
2. Day of week classroom(s) are required.
3. Time schedule (from hour – to hour)
4. Identify Day class will start
5. Identify Last Day of classes for year.
6. Principal's name, e-mail address, phone contact number and mailing address.

CAMPBELL COLLEGIATE

Arrangements for use of Campbell School Facilities for the teaching of Heritage Languages for 2010-2011 have now been discussed with Principals of the language groups using Campbell and all requests have been approved by Campbell administration. The required permit has been submitted to the City of Regina and has been approved.

CAMPBELL COLLEGIATE

NOT AVAILABLE:

school year 2010-2011

Campbell Collegiate will NOT be available on the following Saturdays and any days in between:

December 25, 2010 to January 1, 2011

April 23, 2011 to April 30, 2011

BALFOUR COLLEGIATE

NOT AVAILABLE

school year 2010-2011

December 25, 2010 to January 1, 2011

April 23, 2011 to April 30, 2011

and all weekends when there are statutory holidays. Other dates may be announced later, due to special school functions not yet known.

TEACHER WORKSHOPS

Plans are to again arrange for 2 teacher workshops in 2010-2011, to be sponsored jointly by SOHL and by MLAR. The first has been tentatively planned for November 2010. All schools will be notified of workshop details once MLAR's Professional Development Committee has selected a topic and identified a Facilitator.

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