

FACETS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

How fitting that MAHE, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of individuals, families and communities held its annual Board retreat at a family owned Bed and Breakfast in Elie, a community whose economy was as sandbagged as all of its homes and businesses. Our host, Linda of the L'Auberge Clémence Inn, offered lovely food and accommodations as well as great stories about the potential flood and the tornado of 2007.

In this setting, the Board of Directors discussed and drafted MAHE's action plan for 2011/2012. The amount of concern and interest the Board has for all members - rural, student, retired, active, young, old – was truly inspiring. Not a single discussion took place without putting your needs first.

The result is a new plan that builds on the strengths of the past few years and introduces new ideas and strategies to improve on our services to members. Over the next few months, we will refine our plan and develop a corresponding budget. We are looking forward to sharing both the budget and the Action Plan with you at our AGM in October.

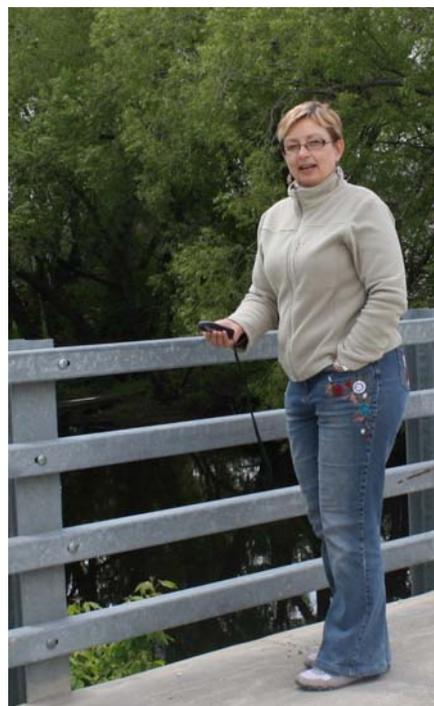
October will see the Association usher in a new Board of Directors led by Debora Durnin Richards (President –Elect). Debora's commitment, passion, ideas and strong leadership abilities will be a tremendous benefit to the Association and I know MAHE will do well. Joining Debora are five equally committed and effective returning Board of Directors including Tarrah, Ann, Diana, Carla and myself. Several new candidates for next year have also been identified leaving only a few spots available for interested members. Call now, if you'd like to join this amazing team.

Key projects that will continue during the summer months are the Farm to School Vegetable Fundraiser, the Home Family.net blog and MAHE TV. Less visible, but equally important is the work being done on our Policy and Procedures, IPHE

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Program, Newsletter, Finances and Complaints Procedures. Thank you to all our Coordinators and volunteers responsible for moving these projects forward. Thank you also to Linda Hogue who continues to manage MAHE's administrative details so effectively. Wishing all of you a wonderful, happy, healthy, sunny summer!



Interested in exploring new technology, Debora uses a GPS device to lead the team into uncharted territories.

Western Manitoba Science Fair

The Western Manitoba Science Fair was held on March 15, 2011 in Brandon. The WMSF is the Regional Science Fair for southwestern Manitoba. Applicants come from Grade 1 -12 and this year there were 437 students with 317 projects from 24 schools participating in the WMSF. MAHE provides 3 awards for projects in 3 categories. Projects considered for the MAHE awards are those with a Home Economics-related theme. We thank Susan Proven and Bea Jolly for judging Science projects for the MAHE awards. We also thank Linda Carter for making the presentations to the students of the winning projects on behalf of MAHE. The recipients of the MAHE Awards are as follows:

Shake It Up

Shaelyn Gustafson Grade 3-4

Combien De Scure Est Dans Ton Dinêr?

Jolene Osztian Grade 5-6
Janessa Freiheit Grade 5-6

“C” The Difference, Steamed vs. Boiled

Jessica Hutchison Grade 7-8
Kenda Maxon Grade 7-8

Manitoba Schools Science Symposium

The Manitoba Schools Science Symposium (MSSS) was held at the University of Manitoba on April 30 and May 1, 2011 at the University of Manitoba. MSSS is the largest Science event for students throughout the province and is open to students from Grade 4 to Grade 12. Each year 550 Science students attend MSSS to present their research to top scientists and industry experts. MAHE provided 2 awards in the Junior and Senior category. Projects considered were those with a Home Economics-related theme. We thank Tracey Drabyk-Zirk and Ann Halbesma for judging Science projects at MSSS on behalf of MAHE. Ann Halbesma presented the awards at the Presentation Ceremony on May 1. The recipients of the MAHE Awards are:

Who Did the Best Job?

Iqra Sahar Tariq Grade 7

Chemical and Cellular Assays of Antioxidant Potential in Milled Buckwheat

Brent Murphy Grade 11



2011 MAHE Student Membership Award

The MAHE Student Membership Award is given annually to a graduate of the Faculty of Human Ecology by awarding the recipient with a one-year membership to the Manitoba Association of Home Economists for one year. The criteria for this award are:

- A grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Active in student organizations/activities
- A student that shows professional promise

The recipient of the 2011 MAHE Student Membership is Lindsay Graham. The award was presented to Lindsay by Debora Durnin-Richards at the Human Ecology Graduation Dinner on June 10 at the Millennium Centre. In her final year at the Faculty of Human Ecology, Lindsay was the President/Senior Stick of the Human Ecology Students Association (HESO). She organized and oversaw all the HESO events and committees. In this role she encouraged HESO members to generate ideas to create a better environment for Human Ecology students. She was Co-Chair of the ACHES Conference (Association of Canadian Human Ecology Students) that was held in Winnipeg in January, 2011. This is an annual conference that is held in a different Canadian city each year. It was a very successful three-day event including speakers, tours and a final dinner for participants. All this was accomplished while enrolled in a full-time Human Ecology program.

Congratulations Lindsay and we look forward to meeting you at MAHE events!

**Congratulations to all
of the 2011 Human
Ecology Graduates**



2011 MAHE Excellence in Teaching Award

The MAHE Excellence in Teaching Award is given annually to an educator at the Faculty of Human Ecology to honour an individual who has demonstrated excellence in teaching ability, communication, scholarship, leadership and service to the community. Nominations are made by students and the award was presented at the Human Ecology Graduation Dinner on June 10. The recipient of the 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award is Dr. Wilder Robles. Debora Durnin-Richards and Ann Halbesma attended this event on behalf of MAHE and Debora made the presentation to Dr. Robles.

Dr. Robles is a Peruvian-Canadian scholar educated at the State University of Campinas in Brazil, Regent College in Canada, Ohio University and the University of Guelph. He holds an Interdisciplinary Degree PhD from the University of Guelph, and two Masters of Arts degrees from University of Guelph and Ohio University.

Dr. Robles teaches in the Family Social Sciences Department undergraduate level in the option of Social Development. He has been instrumental in creating this option, as well as co-developing its four undergraduate courses. He currently teaches Introduction to Social Development, Development, Conflict and Displacement and Theories of Social Development. At the graduate level Dr. Robles teaches Globalization, Families, and Communities.

Dr. Robles has also made important service contributions to academic organizations, particularly the Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID). In his roles as Board Member, Conference Chair and member at large, he has created opportunities for academics from around the world to exchange ideas and build partnerships by organizing several conferences.

Dr. Robles has a talent for reaching out and supporting students and academics in the developing world to help realize their dreams. In

2010, he guided and sponsored five undergraduate students to participate in the InSight Conference, a national student-run conference for undergraduates interested in development studies.

He has also served students by volunteering to act as faculty advisor to the Human Ecology Student Organization (HESO) for 2010-11. In this capacity, he has guided and supported many activities that have enriched student life and morale, including fundraising efforts and mentoring.

In addition to these campus-based service contributions, Dr. Robles has also made significant contributions to the local community as well. In the past he has served as president and board member of the Spence Neighbourhood Association, and is currently International Development Advisor for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, and Advisor for the Brazilian Landless Rural Workers Movement in Brazil.

Congratulations Dr. Robles!