



**PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS**

# Navigator News.

## PEI Community Navigators Quarterly Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM MAXINE RENNIE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It has been a busy season already, and we look forward to more wonderful community activities during the remaining winter months. The PEI Community Navigator team continues to support newcomers and new residents with a full scope of settlement services across PEI. Our roster this winter has included language training, information sessions, cross cultural exchanges, and fun networking opportunities such as skating, skiing, and karaoke!

We also wish to extend a huge thank you to the individuals and organizations which are integral to these events being successful in rural PEI. You help us realize our vision of building diverse and resilient communities.

-Maxine Rennie



### OUR MISSION

Individuals and families who choose to settle in rural PEI offer incredible value to the communities that they settle. In each of our numerous communities dotting the coastline or the inland rolling hills of our Island, you'll find a diverse group of community members who settled in PEI or were born as Islanders, coming together to help each other and create a prosperous and fulfilling life in Rural PEI. We are here to support the inclusion of our newest residents in all aspects of rural PEI life.

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# WELCOMING THE NEW CENTRAL PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR



## MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

*Central PEI*

Kristi Petro is our newest Central PEI Community Navigator! Originally from Albania, she has lived in various countries in recent years but has called Prince Edward Island home since 2020. From the very beginning, she fell in love with PEI's red sands, stunning beaches, and cozy winters. She has a passion for road trips, camping, and photographing PEI's most picturesque spots. With a background in journalism, Kristi has spent the past 8 years working together with individuals from diverse cultures and backgrounds, which has enabled her to learn and connect with people from all walks of life. Kristi is passionate about community service. She volunteers as a teacher for children's classes and facilitates youth groups focused on developing their capacities to serve their communities better. She looks forward to connecting with new friends and collaborating to build vibrant communities.

**Kristi Petro**



RECENT MONTHS HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY EXCITING FOR OUR COMMUNITY! IN NOVEMBER, WE HOSTED AN INFORMATION SESSION AS PART OF FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH. THE FESTIVE SEASON WAS A JOYOUS OCCASION, HIGHLIGHTED BY A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS KARAOKE EVENT THAT BROUGHT OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN CELEBRATION.

WE ALSO HAD AN EXCITING TIME RELOCATING TO A NEW OFFICE. WE HOSTED AN OPEN HOUSE WHICH WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS, DRAWING A FANTASTIC TURNOUT OF CLIENTS AND PARTNERS.

OUR CHAT & CRAFT ACTIVITY SERVED AS A GREAT WAY FOR US TO CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY. STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPCOMING FUN EVENTS BY FOLLOWING US ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS!



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**MARCH 2ND - TUBING AT BROOKVALE**  
**MARCH 6TH - INFORMATION SESSION WITH CANADA REVENUE AGENCY**  
**MARCH 9TH - LEARN TO SKATE IN CRAPAUD**  
**TBD - LEARN TO SKATE IN BORDEN-CARLETON**  
**MARCH 15TH - INFORMATION SESSION BY SERVICE CANADA**  
**MARCH 23TH - UNITY IN DIVERSITY FEST**

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**THIS JUST IN**

## FROM THE WESTERN PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS

WHAT A GREAT COUPLE OF MONTHS IT HAS BEEN IN WESTERN PEI!

WE KICKED OFF SMALL BUSINESS WEEK WITH A NETWORKING HOUR AT TROUT RIVER. IT WAS SO GREAT TO VISIT AND ENJOY A COFFEE WITH STAFF, COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. IN NOVEMBER WE HAD OUR FIRST ANNUAL WEST PRINCE DIWALI CELEBRATION. FOR FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH WE ENJOYED AN INFORMATIVE AND INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH SCOTIABANK. DECEMBER'S SERVICE CANADA SESSION WAS A HIT WITH LOTS OF VALUABLE INFORMATION. JANUARY WAS A BUSY ONE WITH A CRA SESSION FOR NEWCOMERS, HUMAN RIGHTS SESSION, THE START OF INTRAMURAL SPORTS NIGHT, AND THE LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM !! IN FEBRUARY WE HAD A BLAST AT THE WINTER FUN DAY AT MILL RIVER DAY AND THE VALENTINES DANCE WAS A FUN FILLED SUCCESS!

KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR MORE FUN TO COME BY LIKING AND FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK!

### Coming Soon

#### Upcoming Events

- Family Law Essentials
- Intramural Sports Nights
- Learn to Skate Graduation

*Watch our Facebook page for more info!!*

# FUN



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# PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR EVENTS IN THE NEWS!

## THE EASTERN *Graphic* THE LIVELY ONE

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SIGHTING**

Golden Eagle soars  
over Eastern Kings

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Well over 50 people attended the Filipino culture event hosted at the Cavendish Farms Wellness Centre in Montague on Sunday. Community organizers were excited to share culture and build connection with the broader Kings County community. The group played games, enjoyed food in the form of a pot-luck, performed music and socialized. Rachel Collier photo

### Fun and games Filipino style



Novelyn and Jody Gullard enjoyed family time with their daughters Klarah, 8-years-old and 4-year-old Kaama. Rachel Collier photo



Following a robust potluck meal and musical entertainment, fun and games kicked into gear to round out the event. Rachel Collier photo

Markus, 3-years-old, enjoyed tasty treats, music and space to run and play. Rachel Collier photo

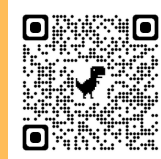


### Connecting with community

Bill Ronald Dimasacat, left, and Michael Sawat provided impromptu entertainment at a Filipino culture event hosted at the Cavendish Farms Wellness Centre in Montague where more than 50 people gathered to share food, fun and games. See more photos on page 11.

Rachel Collier photo

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Rachel Collier photo for The Eastern Graphic

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# CELEBRATING FILIPINO CULTURE IN THREE RIVERS WITH THE FIRST EVER THREE RIVERS PEINOY FIESTA

“MONTAGUE, P.E.I. — Julie Ann Mabana is hoping her experience as a temporary foreign worker will help the migrant community in Prince Edward Island.

Mabana arrived in Canada more than a decade ago from the Philippines. She worked in Alberta for a few years, then came to P.E.I. Now a permanent resident of Canada, she’s working as the co-ordinator for the P.E.I. migrant worker support program, an initiative of the Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC).

“We have many Filipinos in our community. And we just wanted to share with Islanders about Filipino culture as a way to support our neighbours and get to know people in our community and the joy of their culture,” said [Rachel] Buell, who is with the Community Navigators, a CBDC initiative supporting newcomers to rural P.E.I.

Rosie Concha, who came to P.E.I. for work less than a year ago and lives in Georgetown, said she’s grateful for the event, especially during the winter when work opportunities and social activities are limited.

“We feel so bored at home and when we heard this activity, we are so excited,” Concha said. “We Pinoys really miss our culture in the Philippines. So that’s why we look forward to attending such activities.””

Story and photos by Thinh Nguyen from  
The Guardian Newspaper



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS WITH PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS**

We have so many fun and educational events coming up and would love to see you there. For more information on these events please visit our Facebook Page and join regional groups at the links below:

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[\*\*Eastern PEI Community Navigator Group\*\*](#)

[\*\*Central PEI Community Navigator Group\*\*](#)

[\*\*Western PEI Community Navigator Group\*\*](#)

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AIP EMPLOYERS**

**WINTER TUBING  
DAY**

**UNITY IN DIVERSITY FEST MARCH 23RD IN BORDEN**

**INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY OPEN  
HOUSE IN MONTAGUE  
MARCH 8TH**

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### February is Black History Month, and January 15th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia in the United States. He was an important leader in the civil rights movement from 1955 until he was shot in 1968. The civil rights movement helped Black people in the southern states gain access to equal rights, including the right to vote, labour rights, and desegregation, which is the process of ending the separation of people by race. King was a very important activist at this time. Activism means taking action to bring political or social change, and King took a non-violent approach to bring about these important changes. King was also a supporter of Native American rights, and he wrote about racism toward the Native American population in his book *Why We Can't Wait*.

A. If the statement is true, write **T** beside the sentence. If it is false, write **F** and correct the information.

1. \_\_\_\_ Desegregation means ending the process of separating people by race.
2. \_\_\_\_ King did not speak about the rights of any other group but the Black population.
3. \_\_\_\_ King believed in using violence to make changes.
4. \_\_\_\_ In the 1950s, Black and white Americans were treated equally.
5. \_\_\_\_ King died of old age.
6. \_\_\_\_ King wrote a book.
7. \_\_\_\_ Activism means changing nothing.



Find **the answers** posted on the PEI Community Navigators Facebook page on **February 23!**

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**Write your answer in a paragraph or talk about your answer with a friend.**

**1. What does activism mean? What are some activist groups or movements in your country? What problems or issues would you like to help solve?**

# Temporary Foreign Workers in PEI

Learn your rights  
in Canada



Build Community  
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