



**DART**  
**District 7080**  
**Aboriginal**  
**Resource Team**

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## AGENDA

- DART vision and mission
- DART plans for 2015-16
- How can DART help your club?
- Ongoing Aboriginal projects
- HIP Honouring Indigenous People
- Take action and reach out

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## DART Vision

To foster dialogue and relationships between indigenous communities and clubs in Rotary International District 7080.

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## DART Mission

To act as a resource group to clubs in Rotary International District 7080 who:

- i. Wish to enlarge their knowledge about indigenous traditions, culture and protocol; and
- ii. Seek the opportunity to collaborate with indigenous groups.

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## DART Plans for 2015-16

- Provide information about Aboriginal issues, events and projects to 7080 clubs
  - DART website
  - DART quarterly updates
  - Club visits
  - DART meetings & information sessions



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## DART Plans for 2015-16

- Develop resources
  - Aboriginal speakers list
  - Links to Aboriginal resource groups
  - 7080 Aboriginal projects database
  - Presentations



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## DART can assist your Club by:

- Providing you with the schedule for upcoming DART meetings and information sessions
- Helping you find speakers
- Putting you in touch with Aboriginal committee members at other 7080 clubs



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## DART can assist your Club by:

- Connecting you to Aboriginal resource groups
- Providing you with information about current and planned Aboriginal projects, as well as other clubs interested in being project partners



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### RC Guelph – Better Hearing in Education for Northern Youth

- Installation of Sound Field Wireless Systems in K-5 classrooms at Pond Inlet school in Qikiqtani [Baffin Island]
- Deafness and diminished hearing are rampant in the North; studies have shown that up to 67% of Inuit children have some degree of hearing loss



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### RC Guelph – Better Hearing in Education for Northern Youth

- In infants, hearing loss delays motor and language development; in school, undiagnosed hearing loss can be mistaken for learning disorders or attention deficit
- Enhancing the sound environment in class will improve students' attention span, participation & comprehension



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### RC Guelph – Better Hearing in Education for Northern Youth

- Educational outcomes pre- and post-installation of the sound systems will be studied to measure improvement
- If the pilot is successful, systems will be installed in more schools
- Cost of phase one is \$90,000; total project cost if more systems are installed is \$240,000



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### RC Guelph – Better Hearing in Education for Northern Youth

- \$70,000 has been raised to-date
- Can your club help?

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## RC Oakville Trafalgar – University of Sudbury First Nations Scholarship Program

- Scholarship goes to 2<sup>nd</sup>-year University of Sudbury First Nation students
- \$7,500 per year for 3 years
- For first year students, the University has partnered with two indigenous education centres, where students complete their first-year program



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## RC Oakville Trafalgar – University of Sudbury First Nations Scholarship Program

- \$7,500 covers the gap between government funding available to status Indian candidates and the total cost to students of attending the University of Sudbury



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## RC Oakville Trafalgar – University of Sudbury First Nations Scholarship Program

How can Rotary help?

- Raise funds to allow more indigenous students to participate in the Scholarship
- Work with UofS to provide mentoring for students while they are in university
- Help with networking and resources for employment search after graduation



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## RC Oakville Trafalgar – University of Sudbury First Nations Scholarship Program

- RCOT has committed to providing funds for 3 years, for one scholarship student
- Can your club make a similar commitment?

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### RC Burlington North – OneXOne First Nations School Breakfast Program

- OneXOne First Nations School Breakfast Program supports over 4,500 children from 30 communities across Canada
- In 2014-15, over 700,000 balanced breakfasts were provided
- Programs are managed by local FNMI community



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### RC Burlington North – OneXOne First Nations School Breakfast Program

- RCBN is supporting the program for the Keewaytinook Internet High School
- KIHS is a program that allows Aboriginal students to complete their high school education remotely while staying in their home and community



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### RC Burlington North – OneXOne First Nations School Breakfast Program

- Classrooms are located in Fort William, Keewaywin, Mishkeegogamang, Nibinamik, North Spirit Lake and Poplar Hill, all in northern Ontario
- For 2016-17 year, RCBN's goal is to bring ten 7080 clubs on board with a \$500 donation, for a total of \$5,000



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### RC Burlington North – OneXOne First Nations School Breakfast Program

- RCBN will be applying for a matching District Grant to double funds to \$10K
- To-date, 3 clubs have committed \$500 for the 2016-17 year
- Can your club help?

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## HIP Honouring Indigenous People

### Mission

- Support education of indigenous people in all its forms
- Promote understanding and awareness of the culture, history and issues of indigenous people to Rotarians and others



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## HIP Honouring Indigenous People

- Members include Rotary clubs and Rotarians from Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta
- 50% of HIP Board members are indigenous, 50% are Rotarians
- HIP is guided by the Two Row Wampum belt



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## HIP Honouring Indigenous People

- HIP website [www.rotaryhip.org](http://www.rotaryhip.org)
- Details about HIP approved projects and how you and your Club can help are on the HIP website under Contact & Donations > Approved Projects.



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## HOW CAN YOUR CLUB TAKE ACTION?

- Read the Truth & Reconciliation reports—they are posted on the DART website
- For six years the TRC investigated what happened at the residential schools in Canada, which were in operation for well over 100 years; their reports were released in June & December 2015
- The 94 recommendations in the Calls to Action report establish a plan of action



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## HOW CAN YOUR CLUB TAKE ACTION?

- The hope is that the actions initiated by Rotary through groups like DART and HIP will help to reconcile the past and create harmony in the future between indigenous and non-indigenous Canadians.
- FYI, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Minister, Carolyn Bennett, specifically mentioned Rotary clubs during an interview on CBC's The Current, when asked how non-indigenous Canadians can be an active participant in building citizenship by reconciling with First Nations and educating ourselves about FNMI in Canada



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## HOW CAN YOUR CLUB TAKE ACTION?

- Consider supporting an Aboriginal project championed by a 7080 club or by HIP
- Check out the DART and HIP websites frequently – learn about Aboriginal events, projects, news & resource groups
- Talk to clubs who are executing an Aboriginal project
- Attend one or more of the DART information sessions



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## DART WEBSITE

From the District website home page, display the drop-down menu for District Committees, then click on DART.



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## REACH OUT

### URL for DART Website

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50042/Page/ShowSitePage?ClassCode=SitePage&Slug=dart>

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Questions?  
Comments?



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