


DART
 District 7080
 Aboriginal Resource
 Team



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AGENDA

- What is DART?
- What does DART do?
- Partnership with HIP
- Websites & other resources
- Take action and reach out!


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DART Mission

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

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

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DART Activities

- Provide information about Aboriginal issues, events and projects to 7080 clubs via:
 - the DART website
 - quarterly updates
 - club visits &
 - information sessions



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Aboriginal Service & Project Opportunities

- Work with Charlie CheeChoo of the Moose Cree First Nation to expand a traditional knowledge program for indigenous youth
- Establish a Model UNPFII (United Nations Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues) in an Aboriginal high school



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Aboriginal Service & Project Opportunities

- Help build a community centre in the Webequie FN and/or support the DAREarts Foundation
- The Qaggiq Project which supports performing artists in isolated Arctic communities (www.qaggiavuut.com)



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7080 Aboriginal Projects

- Burlington North – OneXOne First Nations School Breakfast Program
 - 13 clubs have donated \$500
 - With matching District Grant, total monies raised are \$11,500
 - This will fund the program at the Keewaytinook Internet High School with classrooms in Fort William, Keewaywin, Mishkeegogamang, Nibinamik, North Spirit Lake and Poplar Hill



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7080 Aboriginal Projects

- Guelph – BHENY Better Hearing in Education for Northern Youth
 - 40% higher incidence of hearing loss in Arctic Inuit due to poor diet, overcrowding, reduced access to medical care, cold arctic dry air – droplets stay in the air = increased infections, and physiological/anatomical – shape of ear
 - Sound field amplification enhances the clarity of the teacher’s voice



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7080 Aboriginal Projects

- Oakville Trafalgar University of Sudbury First Nations Scholarship Program
 - Scholarship goes to 2nd-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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7080 Aboriginal Project Opportunity

- Oakville Trafalgar – Continuing Education Centre in Fort Albany
 - To offer college and university courses as well as options for mature students
 - Project concept to be presented to RI
 - Canadian Aboriginal projects are eligible for global grants from RI



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Partnership with HIP

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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Websites

- DART website
<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50042/Page/ShowSitePage?ClassCode=SitePage&Slug=dart>
- HIP website www.rotaryhip.com
 - Contact & Donations > Approved Projects.
 - Contact & Donations > Pitch Your Project



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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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Resources

- Educational resources – reading, films & documentaries
- Links to Aboriginal resource groups
- Presentations
- HIP monthly newsletters
- DART quarterly updates



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Truth & Reconciliation Reports

- 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?

- Read the Truth & Reconciliation reports
- Use the posted educational resources to learn about indigenous issues, history, traditions & knowledge
- Check out the DART and HIP websites frequently – learn about Aboriginal events, projects, news & resource groups; attend one or more of the DART information sessions and/or the posted Aboriginal events
- Talk to clubs who are executing an Aboriginal project
- Have a DART & HIP program for one of your meetings



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HOW CAN YOUR CLUB TAKE ACTION?

- Identify an Aboriginal Champion for your Club
- Attend the District Conference October 14 -16
 - Check out the DART display in the House of Friendship
 - Saturday join us for the Wonders & Challenges of Canada's Indigenous People with Andrée Cabazon
- Make a donation to and/or join HIP – individual or Club lifetime membership is \$100
- Consider supporting an Aboriginal project championed by a 7080 club or by HIP



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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.



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REACH OUT

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THANK-YOU!

Questions?
Comments?



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