



The HIP Circle

UNDERSTANDING THE PAST. MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER.



Photo by Nancy Woods: New Moon Singers in Timmins, Ontario

Relationship Building Richmond Hill United Church

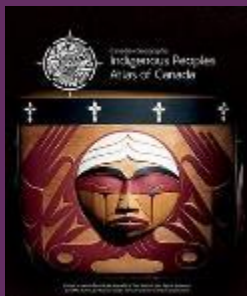
Interested in building personal relationships, a grade 12 youth member invited his peers to make 125 handmade Valentines cards for the students at Dennis Franklin Cromarty (DFC) School. Cards were couriered and graciously received by the DFC students. We look forward to watching this friendship develop.

Communities Coming Together RC of Toronto

Members of The Rotary Club of Toronto and its Indigenous Services Committee joined together in preparing 105 meals for Indigenous men at the Native Men's Residence (NaMeRes) on Jan. 26th. Fresh pasta with meat sauce, turkey sandwiches and cheese sandwiches were served. Now that's Rotary in Action!

Removing Learning Barriers District 7080

Northern College programs require enrolled students to bring their own laptops. Working in partnership, the College, Siemens, HIP and Rotarians in District 7080 secured laptops for 6 Indigenous Students to remove this barrier to learning & provide the ability for these students to be competitive.



RECOMMENDED READING **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ATLAS OF CANADA** Canadian Geographic

This ground-breaking four-volume atlas shares the experiences, perspectives and histories of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples.

<https://indigenouspeoplesatlasofcanada.ca>

For more recommended reading, visit: <http://www.rotaryhip.com/resources/reading>

Building Outdoor Classrooms

Initiated by a conversation with the **Mississaugas of the Credit** Education Director, School Principal and Cultural Coordinator, Marjorie & Jim Dawson of the **RC of Norfolk Sunrise** are interested in applying for a district grant that would enable Rotary to work in partnership with the Mississaugas of the Credit to create an outdoor classroom for Lloyd S King School.

For many Indigenous people, schools are a symbol of pain and forced assimilation. The building of outdoor classrooms is a great step towards decolonizing, restoring Indigenous culture and providing an enriched education experience for both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students. Land-based cultural activities is central to Indigenous students' mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual development. When teacher provide opportunities to secure students' connection to the land through traditional land-based activities, including storytelling and traditional teachings, Indigenous students are better able to establish their identity and value their culture.

This is a large project that would be better if it included a pavilion and trails with viewing stations. RC's, individuals and other organizations are encouraged to reach out to the RC of Norfolk Sunrise for details on how you can participate and support this wonderful project.

Building & Engaging in Meaningful Relationships

Marjorie & Jim Dawson of the **RC of Norfolk Sunrise**, who are learning Anishinaabe, travelled by ice road with fellow Rotarian Peter Wheatley to **Pikangikum First Nation**. Seeking to grow their friendship, and learn from the community, at the request of the Principal, they brought a trailer with skates and boots for the primary school students. They filled empty space in the trailer with additional items including mountain bikes, music equipment and prizes for a Battle of the Bands contest to show their gratitude towards Pikangikum First Nation's gracious hospitality. The initiative received significant support from the **Norfolk Rotaract Club**. During their visit, a basketball clinic was held for both students and the community followed by a game between students and adults.



BE A CHANGE-MAKER

Donate to HIP

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/HIP

Alternatively, cheques can be mailed to "Attention Julie Dunaiskis, HIP, 100 Simcoe St., Suite 110, Toronto, ON, M5H 3G2"

Save the Date!

TRANSFORM 2019 Art Exhibit



Opening Gala on Friday March 29th, 2019
Arta Gallery, Distillery District, Toronto

"Transform 2019: Let Life be Born & Born Again"
Join us in supporting a nation-to-nation art exhibition
featuring First Nation & Canadian artists.

Proceeds will be applied to HIP programs!

BE A SPONSOR!

packages range from \$500 to \$2,000

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Rotary Bursaries



Emma Bilodeau & Jasmine Allan-Sferruzz -The Dr. Robert McClure Health Science Bursary Recipients.

On Feb. 6th, the **RC of Toronto Eglinton** recognized the annual Dr. Robert McClure Health Science Bursary Award winners. Recipients Emma Bilodeau and Jasmine Allan-Sferruzz both spoke to members of the club at a lunch meeting. Up to 4 bursaries of \$2,500 are given each spring to First Nations students in the Health Sciences Program - Faculty of Community Services, School of Nutrition, School of Occupational and Public Health, Midwifery Program and the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing at Ryerson University. Award recipients have demonstrated a financial need, a commitment to their community and plan to return to their community after graduation.

Also on Feb. 6th, the RC of Toronto Eglinton presented a cheque for the SAGE Awards: Supporting Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement. The award will encourage indigenous students to pursue studies with the hope of increasing the number of students entering careers in academia. Two awards of \$15,000 will be awarded annually for 5 years. A donor has also committed \$75,000, and along with a President's Award match, this new award is made possible.

Rotarians Learning

Members of the HIP board were invited to, and several attended, the Annual Historical Gathering hosted by the **Mississaugas of Credit First Nation**. This was an informative educational and relationship building experience that covered topics ranging from culture, land, language, history, treaties and archeology.

Working Together for Sports & Wellness

HIP and the **RC of Kenora** assisted Amberlea Presbyterian Church with delivering a pallet of socks and quilts to the **Kenora Fellowship and Ne-Chee Friendship Centre**. These supplies will provide much needed warmth during the cold winter months.

Sports improve self-esteem and social skills while providing motivation for education and other areas of life. Working to fulfill requests from regional Indigenous leaders, Susan Hicks of the **RC of Palgrave** and Gerald Lue of the **RC of Etobicoke** facilitated an annual hockey gear collection supported by many RC's in the Greater Toronto Area. In partnership with HIP, and the **RC of Toronto** who are a major financial supporter, equipment is being sent to several northern Indigenous communities including the **Chippewa of Nawash Community, Pikangikum First Nation, Grassy Narrows First Nation, Mishkeegogmang First Nation** and **Manitoba Aboriginal Sport & Recreation Council**.



Walter W and Nilam presented Celest Richard, Director of Development at Ryerson with a cheque for \$25,000.



Ingrid Sproxton and Chris Snyder attending the Annual Historical Gathering hosted by the Mississaugas of Credit First Nation.



WAKE THE GIANT FESTIVAL

September 14, 2019 – Thunder Bay

Planning is underway by the Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School to host a “Wake the Giant” festival. The aim of the festival will be to form stronger bonds, relationships and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities in Thunder Bay and the surrounding area. This will provide an opportunity for First Nations communities to connect with the community and feel more welcome and safe when they come to the city while offering an opportunity for people from Thunder Bay to become more familiar with First Nations people and their culture.

The festival will be a celebration of cultures with a spotlight on Indigenous culture and music featuring Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists. There will be art installations and cultural booths. The Downie Wenjack Foundation will bring a national spotlight to the event. This will be a great time to visit Thunder Bay.

Sponsorship opportunities are offered ranging from \$1,000-\$20,000. Details can be found at www.rotaryhip.com or contact Program Coordinator Sean Spenrath at seanspenrath@gmail.com or 807-629-2614.



THE MOCCASIN PROJECT

Durham District School Board hosted a speaker series featuring Elder Carolyn King, former Chief of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Elder King spoke about the Moccasin Project, aimed at raising awareness amongst all Ontarians about whose indigenous community land they are occupying. Rotarians, schools and others can easily participate by painting the appropriate moccasin on pavement & sidewalks in their parks, schools & businesses. *More info to come on how to get started.*



Seeking

DISTRICT COORDINATORS

HIP is seeking District Coordinators across Canada to work closely with their District Governors and recruit, encourage and guide Rotary Clubs to participate and support HIP's mandate of awareness, education and the building and engaging in meaningful and equitable relationships with Indigenous Peoples.

If interested, please email
HIP Chairperson Chris Snyder at

chris@eccgroup.ca

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

Timmins Ontario

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board and the **RC of Timmins-Porcupine** hosted a “Change-the-Narrative” event on January 31st attended by HIP Chair, Chris Snyder, HIP Director, John Andras, Club President Saralyn Hayward, Timmins Mayor George Pirie, ONWA (Ontario Native Women’s Association) and 80 audience members. The event presented the first episode of the APTN series “First Contact” followed by a panel discussion featuring Deputy Grand Chief Walter Naveau of **Nishnawbe Aske Nation**, Chief Chad Boisoneau of **Mattagami First Nation** and Knowledge Keeper and Elder Elizabeth Babin from **Wahgoshig First Nation**. Following an opening by the New Moon Singers and an impassioned address from Mayor Pirie, the screening began with a video introduction by the **Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Her Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell**. HIP extends its sincere appreciation to Her Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell for providing this wonderful introduction in support of HIP’s “Change the Narrative” program.

“Canada can be the greatest nation in the world and yet Canada bleeds” – Deputy Grand Chief Walter Naveau

Following the screening the mood was very heavy as attendees absorbed the ongoing issues of stereotyping, bias and racism represented by film’s participants and reflected across Canada. The panelists shared deep truths based upon personal experiences including Residential School, intergenerational trauma, and community destruction and rebirth. The event was scheduled to end at 8:30PM however, extended to 9:30PM leaving everyone with a desire to continue the dialogue as attendees asked questions and described their own experiences. The non-Indigenous members of the audience were deeply moved, inspired and motivated to, not only modify their own perceptions of Indigenous Peoples, but also those of their family, friends and neighbours.

“The engagement from the audience shows a real interest in the problems and finding solutions.” - Natalie Saintcy, KISS 99.3.

The RC of Timmins-Porcupine is now actively looking at ways to become more involved with Indigenous communities in Timmins and beyond. Next step ideas being considered include assisting a canoe trip involving Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth and working on welcome boxes for inbound high school students coming to Timmins from fly-in First Nations.



Photo by Nancy Woods: Knowledge Keeper Elizabeth Babin from Wahgoshig First Nation



Photo by Nancy Woods: Panel Deputy Grand Chief Walter Naveau of Nishnawbe Aske Nation, Chief Chad Boisoneau of Mattagami First Nation and Knowledge Keeper and Elder Babin from Wahgoshig First Nation.



Photo by Nancy Woods: Knowledge Keeper Elizabeth Babin from Wahgoshig First Nation with Timmins Mayor George Pirie.



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS INSPIRES CHANGE

Led by Elder Wendy Philip, Coordinator of Indigenous Engagement Juanita Muise and Circles for Reconciliation Regional Representative Susan Dowan, University of Toronto Scarborough Campus professors, students and administration unite to instigate social change by hosting a weekly “Calls to Action” meeting. Aligned with **Circles for Reconciliation**, the aim is to establish trusting, meaningful relationships between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples as part of the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The concept is simple, small groups of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people meet weekly for ten gatherings. The participants sit in a circle, providing greater opportunities for consensus and being respectful of traditional Indigenous values and customs. Each meeting participants discuss different themes related to Canada’s relationship with Indigenous Peoples.

There is no cost to participate, only a common interest in working toward truth and reconciliation and equality of opportunity for Indigenous people. Guiding Principles for these circles are for the dignity and kindness for all. More information can be found on their website at <http://circlesforreconciliation.ca>.

If you are interested in participating or hosting a Circle for Reconciliation, at with your Rotary Club, school, faith group, corporation, service club or other organization, please contact Susan Dowan at suekee14@hotmail.com.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HIP is powered by volunteers. If you are interested in having your name added to our volunteer list, please email Executive Director John Currie at john.currie@pickeringrotary.ca.

Currently HIP is seeking the following volunteers:

Communications Wordpress Development Project Management Speakers Event Support

Message from the Chairman

EXPECTATIONS*The Key to a Positive Experience*

One definition of happiness is when reality is equal to or greater than expectations. This can be especially true in developing relationships. From time to time, we hear from both clubs and Indigenous Peoples about their expectations not being met.

Non-Indigenous people often say things like “Why should I continue to reach out if there is no response from the other party” while Indigenous People are saying “they didn’t ask us what we needed and just sent us junk”. This disconnect can be very discouraging, destroy the relationship and counterproductive to reconciliation. All of this is avoidable.

Often all that is needed to avoid this is to take a collaborative approach. We are here to learn and help each other through the experience. As with any project, involvement, communication and participation by both parties from end-to-end is key to success. Whether it is planning a canoe trip, building an outdoor classroom or hosting a joint event, clarifying expectations, including what is needed, what can realistically be delivered and role responsibilities, will produce a more positive experience for all. While pictures are always a nice way to see results, they are not always feasible as we need to be respectful of people’s privacy.

If all parties adhere to this procedure and ensure all respect and understand each other, guess what? – Happiness.

Migwetch (Thank You)

Chris Snyder

HIP Chairperson

Rotary Club of Toronto



Request A
HIP TALK

If you are interested in learning more about HIP, host a speaker at your next event by emailing Ingrid Sproxton at:

isproxto@hotmail.ca

UPCOMING*Events & Activities*

March 7: Boys & Girls Club of Kingston Making a Difference Speaker Series hosting Mike Downie.

March 9: University of Toronto Scarborough Campus “Change the Narrative” event.

March 11 – 14: Little Native Hockey League Tournament in Mississauga (www.lnhl.ca)

March 14: “Peace, Conflict, and Justice Society host “Change the Narrative” event.

March 29: “Transform 2019: Let Life be Born & Born Again” Art Exhibit at Arta Gallery, Distillery District, Toronto.

April 5 – 6: Corporations for Community Connections host a PC Donation Workshop at Siemens.

May 2 – 5: HIP Director David Newman will host a table at the Rotary District 5550 Conference to create awareness for Peace Builders & HIP. This years theme is “Be The Inspiration.” Be sure to drop by and say hello to David!

September 14: Dennis Franklin Cromarty School - Wake the Giant, Thunder Bay.

If you have an event or news related to HIP’s mission that you would like published, please email Julie Dunaiskis at julie@eccgroup.ca.

Did You Know...?

There is no one Indigenous culture. There are hundreds of Indigenous cultures, languages, communities and nations within Canada.

The Indigenous Peoples on Turtle Island are not owned by Canada.

Instead of saying Canada’s Indigenous Peoples try to say the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Since 2016, HIP has experienced significant growth. To aid in the delivery of its operational and strategic goals, HIP's Board of Directors, after consultation with members, has reviewed its membership fee in parallel with budgeting for the 2019 financial year. As of January 1st, 2019, "Lifetime" memberships will no longer be offered. All current lifetime members will be transitioned into a "Founding Ally" and retain lifetime privileges.

As of January 2019, Individuals, Rotary Clubs and other groups can become a HIP Ally by submitting the accompanying application. The 2019 rates are as follows:

Type	Annual Fee
Indigenous Organizations (<i>helpers</i>)	Free
Students (& youth under 21)	\$25
Individual	\$100
Rotary Club with less than 75 members	\$250
Schools & Education Institutes	\$250
Rotary Club with greater than 75 members, Other Service Clubs, Partners & Corporations	\$500

This change will ensure HIP is able to develop and sustain its programs, services and resources. HIP plans to expand its range of awareness programs as well as the ways and means through which knowledge and expertise can be easily exchanged amongst HIP Allies.

Join the 175+ Rotary Clubs already working collaboratively with Indigenous peoples to "Change the Narrative!" and address education challenges.

- ✓ Credible recognition as an Ally
- ✓ Participation in a nation-wide movement
- ✓ A like-minded community to exchange ideas
- ✓ The opportunity to connect with other leaders who are changing Canada
- ✓ Awareness of active reconciliation activities
- ✓ Access to "Ally" video conference meetings
- ✓ Access to resources (Education, speakers, promotional material, etc.)
- ✓ Access to partners (Transportation, Indigenous organizations, etc.)
- ✓ Discounts and special offers (10% discount with Goodminds.com, etc.)

Visit www.rotaryhip.com for more details.

Big Thank You to Our CIRCLE OF ALLIES

