



The HIP Circle

UNDERSTANDING THE PAST. MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER.



Meeting with Chief Stacey LaForme, HIP board members, Rotarians of Districts 7080 & 7090 and Mississaugas of the New Credit

Education

Peterborough teacher draws inspiration from the Secret Path

Mitch Champagne, awarded by the RC of Peterborough Kawartha the PHF for New Generations, worked with Trent U teacher candidates to develop a curriculum based on Wenjack's story in the Secret Path. A booklet is available for free download to educators at www.trentu.ca/education/resources. See the full story on our blog.

Donation

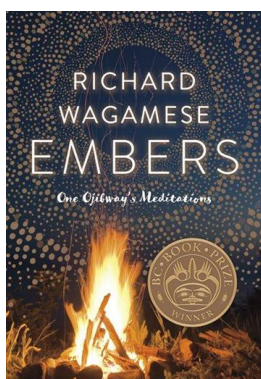
Knitting is therapy

Ladies of the Village of Taunton Mills are always busy knitting items for the north. They recognized one of their special knitters with a lunch. A PSW was dropping socks off daily and only months later she said that one of her clients, who has dementia, is the regular contributor. She puts the wool and needles in her hands and you get lovey knitted socks!

Indigenous Culture

Collingwood Art Installation in conjunction with Rotary Dist. 7010

Until March 8th, a new art project of Indigenous/non-Indigenous artists is being featured and on display in the town council chambers. A presentation and discussion called "Envisioning a Future Toward Reconciliation" will take place on Jan 30 7-8:30 p.m. followed by a screening of the film Awen Gathering Circle. Rsvp artsandculture@collingwood.ca



RECOMMENDED READING

EMBERS: One Ojibway's Meditations

By Richard Wagamese

"Life is sometimes hard. There are challenges. There are difficulties. There is pain. As a younger man I sought to avoid them and only ever caused myself more of the same. These days I choose to face life head-on and I have become a comet."

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

Joint Meeting with Chief Stacey LaForme, HIP Board Members, 7080 and 7090 Rotarians and Mississauga's of the New Credit

On January 9th, several HIP board members and Rotarians from Districts 7080 and 7090 (Orangeville, Brampton, Guelph, Kitchener, Simcoe, Welland, Toronto, Pickering and Mississauga) met with Chief Stacey LaForme and Councillor Erma Ferrell of the Mississauga's of the New Credit. We also welcomed Tabitha Shurgold from Peel Aboriginal Network and senior members of the Unitarian Church of Mississauga.

Traditional rites including a smudge ceremony, a song of welcome to the Spirits of the Elders and an acknowledgement of the land began the meeting. *The atmosphere was honest and hopeful.*

The central theme of the meeting was to find ways that we might work together to build a better understanding between us. We agreed that education of the next generation remains a focus for all of us.

Chief LaForme spoke about a general need for Rotarians to visit their communities to become knowledgeable about their culture. Councillor Erma Ferrell also welcomed Rotarians to attend any of the community events that are listed on their website. She will also be sending a list of possible joint initiatives. Rotarians liked this approach and suggested that we might also want to offer help by means of hands on work to support their community.

Chief LaForme proposed that organizing a large Pow Wow in conjunction with Rotary would be a means of exchanging culture. Both he and Councillor Erma Ferrell said that a Cultural Center possibly in Mississauga has been something they have targeted for a few years. The general consensus was that we should operate on all levels including smaller day to day projects, while building momentum to support major projects such as a Pow Wow or a Cultural Centre.

We broke for lunch feeling that this was a solid first step to bring Rotary and the Mississauga's together.

Did You Know.....?

According to Stats Canada Aboriginal Statistics Division, the 2011 population census recorded over 60 Aboriginal languages grouped into 12 distinct language groups. The largest language family was Algonquian with approx. 144,000 people. This includes the Cree, Ojibway, Innu/Montagnais and Oji-Cree.

ROTARY AT WORK

RC of Winnipeg – District 5550 education programs are encouraging Rotary clubs across Canada to send Indigenous students to transformational educational experiences this year including RAHR in August 2019 and the Youth Nuclear Peace Summit in Oct 2019 in Winnipeg. Registration open. It is hoped Rotary clubs will provide financial support to send students and teachers from Northwestern Ontario and elsewhere to these events. For details, contact David Newman or Julie Dunaiskis.

It is also hoped that each of the 9 clubs in Winnipeg will work together as a group and each becomes an Ally.

John Melnick, Jack Peterson and George Chapman have worked hard and their club, RC of Winnipeg West have now formed a new HIP Committee. Keep the momentum going!

As mentioned in our December Circle Newsletter, HIP Director, Diane Redsky was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. She was presented by John Melnick, member of the RC of Winnipeg West.



Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre in collaboration with CUSO International have been awarded the Winnipeg Foundation's Reconciliation Grant. Without the great work of HIP Directors, David G. Newman and Diane Redsky this would not be possible. Several groups including HIP will be engaged. The grant will help Ma Mawi assist the people of Winnipeg along the road to reconciliation. David G. Newman says "it is a chance for the education of Rotarians and their families and friends".

RC of Etobicoke – the club will be hosting guest speaker and HIP Director, Diane Longboat on Feb. 27th @ 12:00 p.m. Contact the club if you are able to attend.



Bringing the Sacred Fire to CAMH: A Story of Reconciliation

Diane will be telling the story of the Sacred Fire as a source of spiritual revitalization for First Nations at Soul of the Mother, and how the Fire transformed CAMH's services for First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples.

Diane Longboat, Med is a member of the Turtle Clan and Mohawk Nation and a graduate of Victoria College at the University of Toronto. She is a ceremonial leader, traditional teacher and healer. She has served as Elder for CAMH since Jan. 2013 and is currently the Senior Project Manager, Guiding Directions Implementation. Diane is a founder of Soul of the Mother, a Healing Lodge on the shores of the Grand River at Six Nations Grand River Territory, as well as, the founder of First Nations House (Office of Aboriginal Student Services and Programs) at the University of Toronto.

Diane is a professional educator with a Master's degree in education and has taught at university nationally and internationally on the topic of traditional Indigenous knowledge systems and spirituality as the fuel for innovation. She possesses an in-depth understanding of Indigenous history, loss and trauma, as well as the resiliency factors that are embedded in culture and knowledge systems.

"I commend Honouring Indigenous People for their contribution to fostering such a dialogue.
It is indeed a noble mission"

The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

CHANGE-THE-NARRATIVE

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board in Timmins and the RC of Timmins-Porcupine will be hosting a *Change-the-Narrative* event on Jan. 31st. The screening of *First Contact* will be followed by a panel discussion. This is a transformational experience that brings Indigenous and non-Indigenous together to dispel myths, understand truth and build friendships.

On January 18th, The Rotary Club of Toronto hosted a screening and panel discussion to an audience of over 50 attendees. It was well received.



HIP extends its sincere appreciation to the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario for providing an introduction video for HIP's Change the Narrative events.

If interested in sponsoring a Change the Narrative Event, contact either Julie Dunaikis at julie@eccgroup.ca or John Currie at john.currie@pickeringrotary.ca.

JANUARY GIFTS-IN-KIND

January has begun with several gifts-in-kind and transportation needs to our northern communities.

Pikangikum – 6 pallets of winter outerwear for children, youth and adults was collected by All Saints Anglican Church in King City, ON and are on their way to the community. In kind transport is being offered from Kenora to Pikangikum by Don Doughie, a retired trucker who drives regularly to the community and kindly offered to do for us. Thank you!

Kasabonika Lake First Nation – 9 boxes of winter wear will be on its way to the community and arrive very soon!

JANUARY GIFTS-IN-KIND

Northern Bra Migration – January 19th – Lang Pioneer Village Museum – Laurie Siblock, Co-ordinator

Volunteers of the Kawartha Truth and Reconciliation Support Group, Lang Pioneer Village Museum and HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) braved impending bad weather and the frigid cold to check, sort and box up bras to send to remote Northern First Nation communities.

In all, 2250 bras were checked and screened with over 1341 bras boxed and now destined for 12 northern First Nation communities! All done in one day. What a great team. Great work!

Thanks also to the Canadian Cancer Society and the Bras Around the Building Fundraising team (Country 105, Energy 99.7 and Merrett Home Hardware Building Centre) for the donation of the bras.



Fort William First Nation
100 hygiene kits and cleaning supplies
(courtesy Global Medic)



Dennis Frankly Cromarty HS delivery of
School supplies, stationery and 150 hygiene
Kits (courtesy Global Medic)



Art Exhibit – Arta Gallery, Distillery District, Toronto

Transform 2019: let life be born and born again

Join us in supporting a nation-to-nation art exhibition

First Nation and Canadian painters are featured

Proceeds will support HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) programs

March 26 - April 4 2019 - Opening Gala Fri. March 29th

Sponsorship packages available - \$500 to \$2,000

Contact: Evelisa Genova evelisa_genova@mail.harvard.edu or John Andras jandras@mackieresearch.com

Trent University Provost's Lecture Series

Reconciliation: Taking Stock, Moving Forward

Jan. – Feb. 2019 @ 6:30-8:30 p.m.

January 30th . - Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair is Anishinaabe (St. Peter's/Little Peguis) and an assistant professor at the University of Manitoba.

February 4th - Ry Moran, the first Director of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) is responsible for guiding the creation of an enduring national treasure – a dynamic Indigenous archive built on integrity, trust and dignity.

February 11th - James Cullingham is an award winning documentary filmmaker, historian, journalist and president of Tamarack Productions. He was a professor of journalism and English and Liberal Studies at Seneca College (Seneca@York) in Toronto from 2002 - 2018.

February 14th - Claudette Commanda is an Algonquin from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation located in the Province of Quebec. Claudette is an alumni of the University of Ottawa Faculty of Common Law & Faculty of Arts. She has dedicated the last 30 years promoting First Nations people, history, culture, language, traditional knowledge and rights in various capacities: University of Ottawa student, professor, member and chair of the Aboriginal Education Council; and in the public forum via speaking engagements.

February 25th - Sylvia Maracle was raised to let nothing stand in her way. A passionate advocate for urban aboriginal peoples and women's issues Sylvia Maracle is at the forefront of change. She alone has fundamentally altered the landscape for urban aboriginal programs and policies through her tireless work ethic, her ability to foresee emerging issues and her inability to accept no for an answer. Her achievements and work with the National Association of Friendship Centres, the Native Women's Association of Canada, the Assembly of First Nations, National Aboriginal Head Start and a long list of regional and local organizations are internationally renowned.

For additional info about the lecture series and the speakers, visit the Trent University website:

<https://www.trentu.ca/indigenoustudies/news-events>

Message from the Chairman

A Chain Reaction of Gratitude

In 1968, a young Danish student was awarded a Rotary scholarship to advance international understanding and do some post-graduate work in biochemistry at the University of Connecticut. While there, she visited a few Rotary clubs and met many Rotarians including one family who treated her like family. Because of the support of family and friends she gained, she decided to stay and complete her PhD.

In her words, the Rotary scholarship changed her life. After completing her PhD in 1974, she came to Canada and did research and taught until recently at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

Because she had been so supported by Rotary many years before, she now wanted to give back and support Rotary and the many good works Rotary does.

Her research took her to the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton website where she discovered the Dr. Robert McClure Foundation and the work the club is doing with Ryerson providing education to Indigenous Peoples studying to become midwives.

So impressed with this, she decided to give \$30,000 to Ryerson to support the Toronto Eglinton/Robert McClure Midwifery program for Indigenous students. As it turns out, this \$30,000 is being matched by the Ryerson President's Success Fund.

So taken with this matching, she decided to donate a further \$75,000 to establish a Rotary graduate student award for Indigenous students. This too will be matched. This will sponsor one or two students per year until 2023. It is her hope some of the Indigenous students will pursue academic careers and be hired as professors at Canadian universities. This donation is in honour of and to say thank you to the Rotary International Foundation which helped her so many years ago and the great work of the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton. She also went on to say hopefully the HIP initiative can help to spread the word amongst Rotarians and beyond to support health and education of Indigenous students in Canada and elsewhere.

Who would have thought this Rotary scholarship awarded to a young woman in Denmark 50 years ago would start a chain reaction that promoted international understanding and will benefit many, many Indigenous Peoples in Canada for many years to come.

Migwetch (*Thank You*) to Rotarians and others everywhere who did their bit along the way to make this happen.

Chris Snyder

HIP Chairman
Rotary Club of Toronto

Note, this person who did not want her name disclosed has become a HIP Ally.



This tournament provides many benefits to the 900 Indigenous youth participants and attracts 2500 spectators to the City of Timmins. The majority of the attendees are coming from places where merchandise costs as much as three times more than other parts of Ontario. Coming to the tournament allows attendees to purchase merchandise at much lower prices and helps the Timmins economy.

Unfortunately, this tournament has been poorly supported. Without adequate financial support, this tournament will be moved to another location in future years. Some of the teams would be unable to afford the extra costs with another location.

If you or your organization can help, please contact us to receive a copy of the sponsorship materials.

If you are unable to be a sponsor, HIP has arranged for a collection fund (any amount welcome) that will offset the tournament expenses. Visit:

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/HIP

Scroll down to the bottom and click on the drop down box titled "APPLY YOUR DONATION TO A SPECIFIC FUND SET UP BY THIS CHARITY" and select Mushkegowuk Challenge Cup 2019.

We have heard at least one Rotary club has signed up to sponsor. HIP thanks you for getting involved!

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 members program 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 below:

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

