



The HIP CIRCLE

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Service Offering Opportunities!

HIP is dependent and sustained by the activism of people like you. By donating service hours, and bringing your skills, knowledge and passion to HIP, you and your organizations enable us to achieve work that would otherwise be unattainable. HIP is currently in need of the following service offerings:

STORYTELLER: If you like to compile, edit, write, design & publish newsletters, sign up to be a storyteller for the HIP Circle.

WEB WHISPERER: Web Whisperers will assist and lead the creative development, launch and ongoing management of a new HIP wordpress website!

PORTAL WIZARD: HIP is seeking a Portal Wizard to assist with the administration of a Google for Nonprofit portal that provides essential resources to HIP Allies and connects Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students.

If you are interested in donating service hours, please email us at info@hipally.com. Please be sure to highlight the role, number of hours being offered (weekly, monthly or annually) and level of experience.

Native Child & Family Services of Toronto & RC of Toronto Co-host Event

Native Child and Family Services of Toronto (NCFST) and the Rotary Club of Toronto co-hosted Sharing Hearts Building Bones workshop on January 9th. NCFST is a multi-service urban Indigenous agency providing holistic, culture-based programs and services for Indigenous children and families. NCFST strives to provide a life of quality, well-being, healing, and self-determination for children and families in the Toronto urban Indigenous community.

HIP director Kenn Richard, the founder of NCFST, shared information about the Indigenous Spirit Fund and spoke about the evolution of Indigenous Peoples in the country including the 60s Scoop. Kenn is one of Canada's foremost authorities on the impact on the children involved in the 60s Scoop. His personal account of First Nations communities deepened understanding and reinforced attendees commitment to continue to work together. Kenn ended the presentation with warm stories about the summer camp NCFST operates on Grundy Lake.

Rotarians Visit Woodland Cultural Centre



The Woodland Cultural Centre serves to preserve and promote Indigenous history, art, language and culture. It is important to learn about Indigenous people because the culture is an integral part of our country. Unfortunately, many people know nothing about it. Facilities like this also educate visitors about wrongful stereotypes.

On November 27th, the centre was visited by District 7090 HIP Committee, including HIP District Coordinators, Jim and Marjorie Dawson. The centre brings the story of the Haudenosaunee people of the Eastern Woodlands to life through innovative exhibitions and programs. It highlights Indigenous People of Canada and the positive contributions and impact they have had on Canada and the world both past and present. The archaeological and ethnographic collections make up the permanent collection and are presented in a dramatic storyline beginning with Iroquoian and Algonkian prehistoric past through to the 21st century.

The committee received a video tour of the Mohawk Institute Residential school. The Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School is a physical reminder of the legacy of assimilation imposed upon First Nations children in Canada. It was once the longest-running residential school in Canada.

Afterwards, committee members were joined by members of the RC of Brantford and RC of Brantford Sunrise to continue the conversation over dinner. The group then attended a lecture by Senator Dr. Mary Jane McCallum, a First Nations woman of Cree heritage and an advocate for social justice who, over the course of her distinguished career, has provided dental care to First Nations communities across Manitoba. Dr. McCallum spoke about her experience at a residential school in Manitoba between the ages 4-16.

RC of Edmonton Take First Step on Journey



RC of Edmonton President, President Elect and Board members invited HIP Board members Karen Mackenzie and Jan Fox, of Rotary District 5370, to meet to learn more about HIP and Indigenous Peoples history. More specifically, the leadership team seeks to understand Treaty's, the impact of the Indian Act, Residential Schools and the Sixties Scoop.

Karen opened the meeting with a prayer after being presented with tobacco. The meeting focused on creating strategies to build and enhance relationships with Indigenous Leaders and Communities. The Rotary leaders will be developing a plan to include increasing the number of Indigenous Speakers from all vocations at regular meetings and sponsoring membership education opportunities including, but not limited to, the Blanket Exercise, participation in Ceremony and the Sixties Scoop exhibit. The plan will be presented to the Board of the RC of Edmonton at an upcoming meeting.

HIP Board members Karen and Jan pledged to assist the RC of Edmonton in the learning of protocols and building relationships with Indigenous leaders. An educational day with local Elders will be planned.

Congratulations Faisal Kazi & Siemens

HIP congratulates Faisal Kazi and Siemens Canada Limited on being recognized as one of Canada's Top 2020 Employers for Young People. Over the last few years, Siemens has made a commitment to learning and raising awareness about Indigenous Peoples in Canada by hosting employee engagement events and supporting Orange Shirt Day. Additionally, HIP has been happy to connect Siemens with Indigenous Education Institutes, like FNTI, to work together in removing barriers to learning with innovative programs like the repurposing of laptops to learners.

Seasonal Solstice Celebration at Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre

Seasonal solstice events at Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre have become part of tradition for Rotary, HIP and Peace Builder committee members. Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata is a Grandmother in the Winnipeg family of community service-providers with over 30 years of experience working with Indigenous families. They are community people helping other community people reclaim their Indigenous people's inherent roles and responsibilities as caregivers and the most important teachers of their children.

Joining solstice potluck dinners is one way to celebrate, honour and learn together about important ceremonies with fellowship. This December 21st Winter Solstice event was attended by HIP Director, David G. Newman along with members of the club, families and friends. Over 70 Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants shared a meal while 40 joined the Pipe Ceremony and teachings. Using an inflatable observatory, computer and projector, a Cree Edler shared fascinating lessons with attendees about the Indigenous perspective of the universe replicating the planets, stars and galaxies. Indigenous names and importance were explained. Thank you Diane Redsky, CEO of the Centre, for making this happen.

Winnipeg Area HIP Committees to Meet at Neeginan Centre

The next meeting of the three HIP Committees in the Winnipeg area will take place at the Neeginan Centre. The Neeginan Centre is a gathering place for people and a centre to foster new ideas in education, training, economic development, and social service delivery. Through the Centre, the participating organizations have established strong links and mechanisms to cooperate more fully in the design and delivery of services for Aboriginal people in Winnipeg.

The Winnipeg HIP Committee includes two retired Chiefs (one is a member of the RC of Winnipeg), an Indigenous staff member of an Indigenous organization and eight Rotary members. The Chair of the RC of Winnipeg-Charleswood HIP Committee is Metis. The club committee raises funds autonomously as a committee and with its budget is doing amazing work building bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth in Winnipeg and with remote reserve communities.

HIP Director Attends Rotary World Peace Conference

This month, David G. Newman attended the Rotary World Peace Conference in California and presented a breakout session along with two Indigenous Peace Fellows, Inspector Bonnie Emerson of Winnipeg Police Service and Lorelei Higgins who works in Indigenous Relations for the City of Calgary. The topic was “Honouring Indigenous Peoples in Canada”. David facilitated a circle for open discussion about relationships and recognizing the rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Lorelei then spoke about providing economic opportunities in her city and Bonnie ended outlining the work by police and agencies to provide safety and opportunities to lead good lives.

CCAB Highlights OYEB Success In 2019 National Report

HIP Director, John Andras was invited to the University of Ottawa in January to join Outland Youth Employment Program (OYEB) and Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) for the release of the 2019 National Report. OYEB is a local, community driven initiative that works towards equity and opportunity for Indigenous Youth through land-based education, training and work opportunities. Developed in 2000 as a forestry training initiative, OYEB has grown a nation-wide opportunity with a network of over 500 graduates from 103 communities across Canada.

CCAB builds bridges between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, businesses, and communities through diverse programming, providing tools, training, network building, major business awards, and national events.

The OYEB Participant Survey was conducted in partnership with CCAB to explore and demonstrate the economic, social and employment impacts that OYEB has provided to graduates and current participants. Congratulations to OYEB and their entire team on the many program successes! A link will be downloaded to our website after the official launch.

Eenchokay Birchstick School & Rotarians Celebrate 8 Years of Working Together

We congratulate Eenchokay Birchstick School (EBS), in Pikangikum FN, and Jim and Marjorie Dawson, from the RC of Norfolk Sunrise, who celebrate 8 years of working together on removing barriers to education. 8 years requires effort and demonstrates commitment and integrity.

EBS provides the opportunity for students to gain an education, which will guide them to be positive, contributing members of a society that recognizes the rights and dignity of each individual. Pikangikum FN is located on Pikangikum Lake, approximately 100 km northwest of Red Lake, Ontario. Pikangikum is one of the largest First Nation communities in Northern Ontario with the highest on-reserve population of approximately 2,300.

As a testament to the success of their partnerships, the team received a request to apply their knowledge and experience to support and develop women's hockey in Pikangikum with the launch of a new school program. Hockey provides a wealth of benefits including bringing communities together with a shared passion.

Rotary connected EBS with Flamborough Hockey Association and Burlington Gilly's Hockey, a women's hockey league. Organizations who are interested in establishing mutually respectful, long-term relationships based on their shared passion of growing women's hockey.

Working with Pikangikum FN and EBS, Flamborough Hockey Association, Burlington Gilly's Hockey, District 7090, Garry Flood from the RC of Waterdown and Trucks-for-Change secured enough equipment to suit 30 female players to help launch the program.

Next Generation of Leaders: Autumn Peltier



If you haven't heard her name by now, you should immediately google Autumn Peltier. Autumn is a 15 year old Anishinaabekwe from the Wikwemkoong First Nation on Manitoulin Island and was one of the youth speakers at the recent World Economic Forum in Davos. She has been speaking about clean water since she was the age of 8. We at HIP, as Indigenous and Non-Indigenous partners, are proud of you. Let's hope decision makers and doers respond to your message about clean water.

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Recommended Reading



21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act: Helping Canadians Make Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a Reality

Author: Bob Joseph

Summary

Written by Bob Joseph founder of Indigenous Corporate Training Inc. is a member of the Gwawaenuk Nation. This 178-page book is an essential guide to understanding the legal document and its repercussion on generations of First Nations, written by a leading cultural sensitivity trainer.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

If you followed the news in the media, you could be excused if you believed that the majority of challenges Indigenous Peoples in Canada face are in the fly-in communities. Readers and viewers are told stories about water problems, inadequate education funding, health problems, suicides and of course the fallout from residential schools.

There are also plenty of good news stories which we do not hear much about. These include improved education, a sense of community and also the love of the land.

In fact, approximately 50% of Indigenous Peoples in Canada live in urban communities and the numbers are increasing. In some cities such as Toronto, except in certain areas, Indigenous People are not very much in evidence. In fact, there are approximately 70,000 Indigenous Peoples living in Toronto.

If you lived in Winnipeg, Regina, Thunder Bay and other western cities, you would be much more aware. Winnipeg has over 90,000 Indigenous Peoples, more than 10% of the population. In 1951, there were only 210 Indigenous Peoples in Winnipeg.

Indigenous people in cities have many issues too - racial tension, transitioning from the fly-in communities, loneliness, poverty, identity, not enough food and unemployment. Most children in the cities go to local schools. In most cases this is a distinct advantage over reserve schools. They do though lack the continual exposure to the land they have on the reserve. This urban reality, however, provides many opportunities to work together and develop understanding and relationships.

In Toronto, you can connect at places like Native Child and Family Centre, Na Me Res and Native Canadian Centre. You could go to their Monday evening drop ins. There are also lots of learning opportunities at universities and powwows.

Winnipeg has Ma Mawi Itata Centre (we all work together to help one another) or go online and get the guide to Winnipeg for Indigenous Peoples.

You can do the same in other large cities. As mentioned in the past, most major communities have their local friendship centre. You also may know of Indigenous families in your community. Reaching out and making them feel welcome could go a long way!

Till next time, Migwetch (Thank You)

Chris Snyder

HIP Chairperson | Rotary Club of Toronto

ABOUT CHRIS: Chris is the author of [Creating Opportunities: A Volunteer's Memoir](#) and an active member of the Rotary Club of Toronto. Chris is currently Chair of HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) and Past Chair of the Canadian Landmine Foundation. He has sat on a number of not-for-profit boards, including currently serving on the board of CUSO and the Trudeau Centre of Peace, Conflict and Justice at the Munk Centre (University of Toronto). He is the recipient of many volunteer and community service awards, among them the Paul Harris Fellowship Award, both the Queen's Gold and Diamond Jubilee Awards, the Rotary Service-Above-Self Award and the Governor General's Sovereign Award for Volunteering. He is married to Pat. They have three children and four grandchildren.

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Rotary Club Ottawa South

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Events & Activities

- ★ January 31- February 1, 2020 - The Future of Reconciliation: Indigenous Rights in Canada sponsored by the Munk Centre and U of T and organized by the students from the Trudeau Centre of Peace, Conflict and Justice with input from Indigenous students and HIP -Toronto. Jan. 31st (5 - 7:30 p.m. interactive) and Feb. 1st at Campbell Conference Centre, 1 Devonshire Place. Registration: jonah.toth@mail.utoronto.ca
<https://bit.ly/2Fp2yCU>
- ★ March 13, 2020 - Toronto Rock Indigenous Heritage Night - Toronto
- ★ March 16-18, 2020 - ONWA She Is Wise Conference - Toronto - www.onwa.ca Call out for youth, community and vendors due Feb. 1st
- ★ Until March, 2020, Unceded: Voices of the land – Canadian Museum of History, Ottawa. Led by the world renowned “Contemporary Master of Architecture” and traditional Elder Douglas Cardinal, UNCEDED showcases the works and voice of 18 prominent Indigenous architects and designers from across Turtle Island who share an Indigenous vision for the future of our human family.

GOT AN EVENT OR LOCAL STORY? Send It To Us! If you have an event or news related to HIP’s mission that you would like published, please email us at info@hipally.com

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Please join us! Imagine what is possible when all 720 Rotary Clubs across Canada, and others, work together with First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples!

While we have a strong connection to Rotary, HIP includes a diverse membership comprised of schools, faith groups, businesses and other service organizations.

Individuals, Rotary Clubs and other groups can become a HIP Ally or helper by visiting HIP's website and submitting the online application. The 2019 rates are as follows:

Join the 200+ 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.)
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