



The HIP Circle

UNDERSTANDING THE PAST. MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER.



Signing ceremony at Winnipeg City Hall with Mayor Brian Bowman & Grand Chief Arlen Dumas

RC OF WINNIPEG JOINS INDIGENOUS ACCORD

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg joined the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord in a signing ceremony at City Hall with Mayor Brian Bowman, Grand Chief Arlen Dumas, and Indigenous Elders, Chiefs and representatives on June 18, 2019. Strini Reddy, the Rotary Club's Board Representative and Member of the Club's Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) Committee, signed the accord along with twenty-five other Winnipeg organizations following a traditional smudging and prayer. More than 140 local organizations have joined the Accord to date in a commitment to set goals and report on progress toward Building Pathways to Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

SEPTEMBER 30TH IS ORANGE SHIRT DAY

EVERY CHILD MATTERS



Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis' story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

ORDER ORANGE SHIRTS FOR YOUR CLUB OR ORGANIZATION!

Orders must be placed prior to August 15th to ensure arrival before September 30th
 Proceeds raised from shirt sales will be split between the Orange Shirt Society & HIP's Literacy Program

Email Julie Julie Dunaiskis at julie@eccgroup.ca for details



CHRIS LI GOLF CLASSIC

July 8th

Native Child and Family Services of Toronto are partnering in the Chris Li Golf Classic on July 8th. The tournament begins at 11 a.m. at Angus Glen Golf Club (Markham). Funds raised will support the Indigenous Spirit Fund and NCFST Summer Camp programs, unique land-based cultural opportunities for children, youth and families to attend summer camping programs at Grundy Lake and at various sites through the GTA

HIP receives a monthly newsletter from WIND (which comes from the Indigenous Solidarity Working Group of the Redeemer Toronto). The newsletter provides a very detailed listing of Indigenous events. We do share some of these events but if you would like to receive your own copy, you can click on the link below to sign up. Indigenous Solidarity Working Group (<https://thedeemer.ca/get-involved/indigenous-solidarity-working-group/>)

CURRENT REQUESTS

\$30,000 for Milestone Trip to Ottawa or Toronto for 14 Ahgwahbush Memorial School grade 8 students from fly-in First Nations community of Poplar Hill. Needed for June.

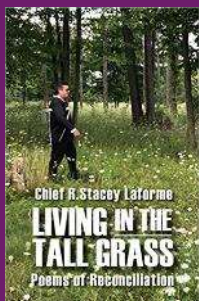
Sponsor: Needed.

50 Laptops for Indigenous Students attending post-secondary education.

Sponsor: Needed

\$2500 for Bursaries for Indigenous students attending post-secondary education. Dollar match available.

Sponsor: Needed.



RECOMMENDED BOOK **LIVING IN TALL GRASS** by Kelly Brownbill

“We should not have to change to fit into society the world should adapt to embrace our uniqueness.” -- Chief Stacey Laforme In *Living in the Tall Grass: Poems of Reconciliation*, Chief Stacey Laforme gives a history of his people through stories and poetry to let Canadians see through the eyes of Indigenous people. *Living in the Tall Grass* is written in a way that makes the reader feel he or she might be sitting down with Chief Laforme, sharing experiences from their lives. Some poems share humour, while others express pain, though each comes from the heart.

<https://www.amazon.ca/Living-Tall-Grass-Poems-Reconciliation/dp/1988824052>



NEWS FROM THE WEST

HIP Director, David G. Newman, is pleased to announce that the Rotary Club of Winnipeg has been chosen to become a partner in the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord.

(<https://www.winnipeg.ca/indigenous/WIA/default.stm>).

The club joins other civil society partners who are committed to TRC Calls to Action. Each partner identifies its objective and then reports every year on what they have done towards their objectives set out in their application. An official partner signing took place on June 18th at Winnipeg City Hall. Thanks go out to the Club's board, HIP Committee, David and other individuals who assisted in making this happen. HIP looks forward to hearing more about their work! David is continuing to connect with individuals in Winnipeg and Calgary over the next few months all in collaboration building.

In Winnipeg of D5550, there are 4 Winnipeg clubs each now with HIP committees: RC of Winnipeg, RC of West Winnipeg, RC of Winnipeg-Charleswood and RC of Transcona. On June 25th, the first joint meeting will be at the Neeginan Centre Restaurant in the heart of Winnipeg's urban Indigenous community where most of the movers and shakers have offices.

Also, the Winnipeg club's HIP Committee facilitated with teachers at a school with students travelling to and visiting with a sister school at St. Theresa Point First Nation in a northern remote community. It was a mutually positive experience that is enhancing the virtual relationships nurtured over the last year by Skype meetings and projects south to north and north to south.

While attending the RI Convention in Hamburg, Germany this month, Mr. Newman visited a booth hosted by Friends United and founder Rolf Bouman <http://www.friends-united.ca/convention-centre/>

The Friends United International Convention Centre is more than 20,000 square feet in size and is the largest of its kind in Canada. It was constructed by the Bouman Group of companies for the purpose of honouring all Indigenous North American Peoples to celebrate their culture and heritage. It features a collection of paintings, totem poles, carvings, Inuit stone sculptures, quill baskets and many other cultural items. Many cultural and business seminars are held with an international audience and allows the Native artists belonging to Friends United to display their artwork worldwide. Coincidentally, the Rotary Club of Port Hawksbury is a partner. If you are travelling to the area, it would be worth the visit.

HIP TALKS

*Understanding the Past.
Moving Forward Together.*

September 19 – 21: Gathering – First Nation Literary Festival, Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre, Midland Public Library, <https://orilliacentre.com>

November 17: RHUC

UPCOMING

Events & Activities

June 30th - The Village at Blue Mountain (Collingwood), Indigenous Life Festival.

July 8th - Chris Li Golf Classic with Native Child and Family Services of Toronto

July 12 – 14: 2019 Gathering with the Credit River. Erindale Park, Mississauga, ON.

August 24-25th - The Town of Thornbury, Indigenous Life Festival

September - City of Barrie, Life Festival

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

March, 2020, Un-ceded: 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 Julie Dunaiskis at:

julie@eccgroup.ca



HIP Director David Newman & Melissa Hebbard, who works with Aboriginal peoples in Australia, send greetings from Rotary International Convention in Germany!

Visit a First Nation Community this Summer

and Make New Friends

Pat and I find it's always lots of fun to visit a new place, talk with people and listen to their stories. Several years ago we realized there were many places in Southern Ontario we had not visited, in particular some of the close Indigenous communities. These included the Saugeen, Christian Island, 6 Nations, Kenisawkwe, Curve Lake, Manitouin Island, Whata, Hagersville, and Cape Croker to name a few. There are many more to go and we anticipate doing it again this summer, possibly a little further away.

Most communities in Canada have First Nation communities close by. Unknown to many is that First Nations peoples want people to visit them. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn something about First Nations people not just by observing how they live but by talking and listening to them. Many indigenous people are shy but if you can get them talking they have great stories and are a wealth of information about their communities and history.

To make this happen, just wander into a store or gas station and start a conversation. Many communities also have community centres, trading posts and museums. In the process you might, as we did at Curve Lake, come out with some wonderful indigenous art and crafts (We also spoke with the artist about the symbolism and stories in the art) or discover after a short ferry ride on Georgian Bay, the beautiful beaches on Christian Island.

You could also watch their dances, learn about the heartbeat of the drum and talk with a wise elder at a Pow Wow (Go on line to obtain a list). Every area has many opportunities and places to visit and every province has an Indigenous tourism website. In fact Indigenous tourism is growing. Think Haida Gwaii in BC, the Blackfoot in Alberta, the Metis in Manitoba, the Inuit in the Arctic, the Cree in Quebec and the Mi kmaq, and early settlers in the Maritimes. It is all yours to listen, learn and enjoy.

Migwetch (Thank You)
Chris Snyder
 HIP Chairperson
 Rotary Club of Toronto



HIP Chairman, Chris Snyder, spoke at Cobourg Collegiate Institute in April. The Indigenous students are from Alderville First Nation. We thank the students who made a kind donation to HIP.



Sponsored by the RC of Toronto Eglinton, students from the John Polanyi Collegiate Institute will be establishing a relationship with students from Moose Cree FN and exchanging STEM knowledge for local Indigenous knowledge.

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 comprising 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:

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

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.)
- Discounts and special offers (10% discount with Goodminds.com, etc.)

JOIN HIP

Big Thank You to Our CIRCLE OF ALLIES

