



The HIP Circle

UNDERSTANDING THE PAST. MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER.



Lisa Farano, John Andras, Dr. Dan Longboat, Wendy Philip, J.P. Gladu & John Currie

Understanding the Past RC OF NORFOLK SUNRISE

Norfolk coordinated a screening of “First Contact” with Nations Uniting. It was attended by 14 indigenous and non-indigenous people & generated a lot of good discussion. The RC plans to view the 2nd & 3rd episodes in the next two sharing circle sessions- all welcome to attend – go to www.nationsuniting.com

Relationship Building INDIGENOUS 150+

Thank you to HIP donors and supporters who assisted us in raising over \$1,500. HIP was asked to support the distribution of 250 TRC Booklets to be given to attendees at an inaugural event at the Ottawa Art Gallery. The booklets will be an excellent pocket reference promoting education and awareness. Miigwetch!

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RECONCILIATION ON BAY STREET

Hosted by the Economic Club of Canada, Productions Cazabon launches exclusive premiere of Canada's first economic reconciliation film “Reconciliation on Bay Street”. The film screening was followed by a dialogue with Indigenous and Canadian business leaders to discuss Call to Action #92 from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



HIP BOARD MEMBER TESTIFIES AT MMIWG NATIONAL INQUIRY

Diane Redsky, HIP Director and Executive Director of Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre (Winnipeg) was selected to testify on October 18th in St. John's NL at the MMIWG National Inquiry on Sexual Exploitation & Human Trafficking.

Diane then travelled to New York City representing Canada at the UN Security Council Open Debate on the invitation of the Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN. Results of consultations and research over the past two years will be shared with key policy-makers and bodies responsible for peacebuilding and conflict prevention.

In addition, Diane also represented Canada on a panel with other women leaders from South Sudan, Syria, Mexico and Philippines and at the invitation from Sweden Minister, she was part of their multi-stakeholder Forum on Women, Peace and Security. This is a great opportunity to build Ma Mawi's profile and Canadian Indigenous women's voice. Well done, Diane!

MATAWA VISITS BOWMANVILLE SCHOOL

The RC of Bowmanville has had a relationship with Matawa for over ten years. The Matawa Education Department provides quality, accessible, community based educational support services for eight Matawa First Nation schools: Aroland, Eabametoong, Nibinamik, Long Lake #58, Ginoogaming, Neskantaga, Marten Falls and Webequie First Nations. In addition, this department also has a strong focus on adult education and skills training.

This month, Matawa representatives Kelly Soulcias, Georgette O'Nabigon, Renee Bos and Sharon Nate travelled south to thank the RC of Bowmanville and visit the John M. James Public School. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about Indigenous culture. Students were fully engaged and had many questions for their visitors.

The RC of Bowmanville discussed expanding their program with the addition of a new initiative, assisting Matawa with a language program. More information to come.



Georg Krohn, Kelly Soulcias, Georgette O'Nabigon, Renee Bos, Sharon Nate, Fred Mandryk & John Burns, President

Amazing People I Would Like to Introduce to You!

by John Currie, HIP Executive Director

This month I had the privilege of visiting the First Nations Technical Institute (FNTI), a First Nation owned and governed educational institute. For more than 30 years, FNTI has specialized in applying Indigenous knowledge to post-secondary learning experiences. Many of their programs and services are delivered at locations across Ontario.

FNTI President, **Suzanne Katsi'tsiarihshion Brant**, was a gracious host. Suzanne is a HIP Director and Mohawk from the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory situated on the Bay of Quinte. Suzanne and I had lunch with **Dr. Dan Roronhiakewen Longboat**. Dr. Longboat is a professor front Trent University and member of the Turtle Clan of the Mohawk Nation and a citizen of the Rotinonshón:ni (Haudenosaunee - People of the Longhouse).

It was a pleasure to sit down with **Irene Cherrett** and **Bernice Kaiser** from the Village of Taunton Mills in Whitby Ontario. With a team behind them, these amazing ladies have gathered and filled backpacks with knitted outerwear and other goodies. The bags are currently on route to the students at Ahgwahbush Memorial School. Equally amazing is the Director of Lifestyle Options, **Rosemary Coolen**, who supports these ladies and their program.

I was grateful to be invited to speak to the Financial Literacy Working Group for Indigenous Peoples in Ottawa. This working group is co-chaired by **Jane Rooney**, Financial Literacy Leader, FCAC, and **Simon Brascoupé**, AFOA Canada, VP of Education and Training. I am looking forward to further exploring our synergies and the possibility of teaming up to deliver financial literacy.

Pete Dalmazzi and Trucks for Change have been an integral part of HIP. Over the last two years, Pete has helped HIP coordinate the transportation of an estimated \$1.5 million dollars of merchandise. I was proud to present Pete with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of HIP.

I am fortunate to have the opportunity to meet many amazing people in my travels. I look forward to introducing you to more friends in the next issue. Until then, reach out and listen to someone's story. There is always room for new friends.



John Currie, Suzanne Katsi'tsiarihshion Brant & Dr. Dan Roronhiakewen Longboat holding a friendship belt.



Anne Freeman, Irene Cherrett, Julie McClatchey & Bernice Kaiser from the Village of Taunton Mills



Jane Rooney Financial Literacy Leader, FCAC, John Currie & Simon Brascoupé, AFOA Canada, VP of Education & Training.



HIP Executive Director John Currie presenting Pete Dalmazzi with a certificate of appreciation.

Lieutenant Governor Reception

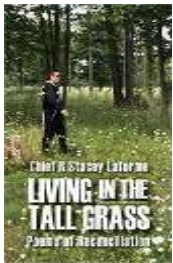
On October 17, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Ontario's 29th Lieutenant Governor, hosted a HIP screening of the television show "First Contact" accompanied by a panel discussion with Dr. Dan Longboat, J.P. Gladu and elder Wendy Phillips and facilitated by HIP Director John Andras.

Most Canadians have never taken the time to get to know Indigenous People or visit their communities. "First Contact" takes six average Canadians, all with strong opinions about Indigenous People, on a unique 28-day journey into Indigenous Canada.

If you are interested in hosting a similar event, contact HIP!



LIVING IN THE TALL GRASS: POEMS OF RECONCILIATION by 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.

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

"We should not have to change to fit into society the world should adapt to embrace our uniqueness."

Chief Stacey LaForme

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

Question 1: What is Smudging?

Question 2: What is a smudge?

Question 3: How do Indigenous Peoples smudge?

Question 4: Why Do Indigenous Peoples Smudge?

Answer 1: Smudging is a sacred ceremony used by many Indigenous Nations. Answer 2: Smudge involves the burning of sacred medicines (sage, cedar and sweet grass) Tobacco is then put on top of the medicines (Tobacco was the first medicine offered by the creator). The medicines are then ignited. Answer 3: There are several ways. The smoke created is brought to one's whole body - to our ears to help us hear, our eyes to see clearly, our mouths so we speak good thoughts and to our hearts to say thank you (Miigwetch). Answer 4: Smudging is a way to purify spirits. The smoke carries the prayers of the Great Spirit and is a way to cleanse the separate spaces around us and a way of welcoming ancestors into the space.

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Peace pipe carved by Métis elder Ed Borchert at Vimy Ridge.



John Andras, David Paul Achneepineskum, CEO, Matawa First Nation Management & John Currie.



Dr. Dan Longboat – Roronhiakewen (He Clears the Sky) speaking at the Ontario Lieutenant Governors' event.



John Currie, John MacIntyre, co-founder of Birch Hill, and John Andras at the Our Children's Medicine reception.

Message from the Chairman

LEST WE FORGET

Our Indigenous Brothers & Sisters

Pat and I and some friends were recently in Belgium and NE France visiting WWI sites where we came across a First Nations Peace Pipe in the museum at VIMY. The peace pipe had been carved from the stone used in the Vimy Memorial by Métis elder Ed Borchert.

Visiting WWI war sites is an emotional experience. Seeing this peace pipe at first surprised me then made me think about peace, the senseless war and the important role Indigenous Peoples played in it. I wondered if the participants, in 1914, had talked first about the issues then smoked this peace pipe, if possibly the war would never have happened.

It is estimated about 6000 of Canadian Indigenous People participated in WWI. Most had volunteered and played an important role in the war, particularly as snipers. Francis Pegahmagabow an Anishinaabe from Parry Island and Métis Henry Norwest in particular distinguished themselves. The role of these snipers is graphically described in Joseph Boydens book "Three Day Road"

Most indigenous men in the war were respected by their fellow soldiers and it was said racial prejudice had no place in the trenches. In Canada many indigenous peoples were generous supporters of the war through patriotic support, and the donation of band funds. Sadly however, during this period 1914-18, the federal government expropriated over 300000 acres of Reserve land without the consent of First Nations peoples. On returning home the First Nations people, like every other participant, hoped for a better world. However it was not to be as the Indigenous Peoples in spite of their sacrifices returned to the old ways of oppression including further land confiscation by the Federal Government.

During the Second World War the numbers of Indigenous peoples enrolled was similar to WWI, again mostly through volunteering. Many though did not volunteer and later fought conscription. Why should we become engaged if we do not even have a vote was a common feeling. The highest ranked Indigenous person was Oliver Martin from Six Nations who became a Brigadier. Most were in the army as few could pass the tough medical and educational criteria needed for the RCAF or Navy. This was because of poor nutrition and inferior education.

Upon returning home many Indigenous veterans were denied the health and educational benefits given to other veterans. According to the Canadian Encyclopedia there was little racism during the war towards the Indigenous soldiers, however on re turning home they were confronted by much of what they experienced before the war. However slowly Indigenous peoples were given more rights including the right to vote in 1960, the Indigenous Veterans were eventually given equal benefits.

On Nov 11th we will all take a few moments to remember all those who fought, died and were wounded in the wars. Their sacrifices paved the way for peace from which we have all benefited. While listening to the last post, you may wish to give special thought and thanks to those indigenous people who fought for our country and our values without even having the right to vote. Maybe as mentioned earlier had the leaders of all those countries who participated in these wars had talked beforehand and smoked a pipe of peace, we would not have experienced these wars and the unnecessary killing of an estimated 100 million people.

Miigwetch (Thank You)

Chris Snyder

HIP Chairman

Rotary Club of Toronto

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

For some years HIP has had a onetime payment of \$100 for a lifetime membership. The purpose of this was to encourage people to join, obtain a sense of involvement and to raise some funds to pay for administration.

We now have an estimated 175 clubs involved in educational and awareness activities. Our vision is for all 721 clubs across Canada to be involved and develop a relationship with an indigenous community. To accomplish this requires additional funding.

Consequently effective Jan 1, HIP is discontinuing its lifelong membership and creating an annual "Ally" fee. Current members, and those who join prior to the end of the year, will automatically become "Founding Allies" with a lifelong Ally status. HIP will still honour the \$100 lifetime Ally membership up to December 31st, 2018.

To become a member, or for more information regarding becoming an ally, please contact Julie at julie@eccgroup.ca or visit www.RotaryHip.com.

This is an exciting time and we hope you will join us in working collaboratively with Indigenous peoples and enable sustainable solutions. Together we can lead change in our own Country.



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