



# The HIP Circle

UNDERSTANDING THE PAST. MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER.



HIP Director, John Lomax, Philip Schaus, Pres. & CEO CFCC and Faisal Kazi, Pres. & CEO Siemens

## Education

### LAPTOP DONATION TO DFC

On Dec. 7th, John Lomax joined volunteers in refurbishing 200 laptops for CFCC (donated by Siemens Canada). HIP received 40 which are now on their way to Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School in Thunder Bay. The students will be so thrilled. Thank you CFCC and Siemens for making this happen.

## Donation

### THE KIWANIS CLUB OF TORONTO FOUNDATION

HIP extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Foundation for their generous selection as a recipient of a 2018 Play Grant. The grant will be in the amount of \$5,000 and HIP was one of 17 charitable organizations serving youth and children in and around Toronto.

## Indigenous Culture

### ALDER STREET RECREATION CENTRE, Orangeville

On Dec. 7th, an Indigenous flag representing the four directions was raised by the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle (DCCRC) to fly permanently. The Centre is just a few minutes' walk from the newly opened medicine wheel garden in Bravery Park.



## RECOMMENDED READING

**THE RIGHT TO BE COLD: One Woman's Fight to Protect the Arctic and Save the Planet from Climate Change**

By Sheila Watt-Cloutier

The Right to Be Cold is the human story of life on the front lines of climate change, told by a woman who rose from humble beginnings to become one of the most influential Indigenous environmental, cultural and human rights advocates in the world.

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

**HIP BOARD MEMBERS GETTING RECOGNIZED**

**HIP Director, Diane Redsky** was recognized on December 20th by the Rotary Club of Winnipeg West. She was asked to speak at the club's luncheon about HIP and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship. Well done, Diane. HIP is proud of your work.

**HIP Director, David G. Newman** has been appointed to the Rotary D5550 board as Chair of the World Peace Partners. The committee's new mandate is to spread HIP committees and Peace Builder committees throughout the other 46 clubs in the district and encourage clubs and Rotarians to join HIP as Allies and Rotarian Peace Builders joining the Rotarian Action Group for Peace.

On December 18th, David was invited to host a discussion with 12 people representing multiple organizations including HIP to speak about the desire to indigenize the sports camps and the Peace Gardens. The Gardens crosses the Can/US border and its USA neighbours are part of the same district that includes the 3 Thunder Bay and Nipigon Rotary clubs. "Imagine the potential for Indigenous and newcomer youth in Manitoba, Sask and northwestern Ontario in urban and remote northern communities!"

**Executive Director, John Currie** was invited by the City of Pickering to be a member of their Cultural Advisory Committee. Their mandate is to establish a vision for the place of arts, culture and heritage. It is hoped the City can retain its unique heritage and culture while keeping pace with the demands of the 21st century and globalization.

**HIP Administrator, Julie Dunaiskis** has been a competent co-ordinator for Chris Snyder for many years and for HIP since inception.

Julie has many talents. In December, she was recognized for a photo of her dog, Pippin who won the fan pet of the month prize for the Barrie Colts hockey team. Another of her photos is also featured in a 2019 City of Barrie calendar. However, the biggest prize came several years ago when her essay won an award for the most impactful trip she had ever been on. It was on this trip she met her husband, Phillip. The prize was a trip to Russia. Well done!

**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 CLUBS AT WORK IN DISTRICT 7010



The current D7010 Indigenous Focus is striving to create a more neighbourly relationship with First Nations communities close to their local Rotary clubs. As with any endearing relationship, it is important to take a long range view in order to develop trust and understanding.

**RC of Peterborough Kawartha** - a successful 100km canoe trip in conjunction with the Camp Kawartha, the Canadian Canoe Museum and Curve Lake First Nation took place this past summer.

**RC of Gravenhurst and Lindsay** - sponsored students for Kawartha Rotary's program as a way to engage local students with other First Nation and non-Indigenous youth from across Canada.

**RC of Elliot Lake** - collaborated with Serpent River First Nations on two art murals which hung in TTC subway stations during the recent RI Convention in Toronto. Past President, Kim Arnold continues to be in discussion with the SRFN about a youth canoe project.

**RC of Sudbury** - presented a cheque for \$6,000 to purchase a 20-foot long cargo container to keep generators, tepees etc. safe at pow wow site. They are investigating other potential projects with the local N'Swakamok Friendship Centre.

**RC of North Bay** - Angela Knighvan Schaak has been working with Indigenous & Student Services at Canadore College to develop an outtripping event.

**RC of Kapuskasing** - Dr. Michael DeGagne, president of Nipissing University is to visit early in 2019 to discuss his own ancestry - his dad was French-Canadian, his mother an Indigenous woman. They are working on developing useful club activities that could lead to more meaningful long-term interaction - the City has long been a refuge for members of James Bay First Nations during the spring flooding season.

**RC of Hearst** - club members are considering the Adventure in Understanding (RC Kawartha) as a potential model for a canoe trip for area youth.

**RC of Barrie-Kempfenfelt** - are supporting the building of a Reconciliatory Firepit on the waterfront in partnership with the Barrie Native Friendship Centre, the City of Barrie and the Barrie Rotaract Club. The Firepit will provide the Indigenous communities a venue for celebration, reflection and education.

## ROTARY DISTRICT 5050 AT WORK

**RC of Winnipeg** - the HIP Committee are working on developing a "schools for reconciliation" initiative. In its 3rd year, a program is run to bring Indigenous and non-Indigenous high school students together several times a year to learn with, from and about each other. In its 2nd year of a partnership between a school in Winnipeg and a school in Garden Hill, students communicate via internet and letter writing. Fundraising was undertaken and sports equipment and books were transported to the community. This year, winter clothing was requested and flown into the community. Very soon, the staff of one of the First Nations communities will be travelling to Winnipeg for a 3-day joint PD and sharing experience with staff of a school in Winnipeg. Great work!

## 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. The Rotary Club of Toronto is hosting a similar event on January 18th.

If interested in sponsoring a Change the Narrative Event, contact either Julie Dunaiskis at [julie@eccgroup.ca](mailto:julie@eccgroup.ca) or John Currie at [john.currie@pickeringrotary.ca](mailto:john.currie@pickeringrotary.ca).



Elephant Thoughts Educational Outreach recently announced funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation which will be used to create and deliver **The Indigenous Journey** program to Indigenous youth. The youth will showcase work through an online education platform. The program will be a tool for teachers to integrate Indigenous studies into classrooms. Anyone can access **The Indigenous Journey** via <https://www.theindigenousjourney.com/> More information can also be found on our blog [Rotary HIP - Blog](#)

“It’s not about teaching everything, it’s about having the integrity and humility to teach something – and to teach it in a good way.”

EdCan Network

“Truth and Reconciliation in Your Classroom”

## DECEMBER GIFTS-IN-KIND

December has been a very busy month for gifts-in-kind and transportation to our northern communities.

Neskantaga/Summer Beaver - sports and school supplies

Dennis Franklin Cromarty HS, Thunder Bay - school supplies, stationery (a year of birthdays) and gift items and hygiene kits (courtesy Global Medic)

Fort William First Nation - 100 hygiene kits and cleaning supplies (courtesy Global Medic) will be personally delivered from Thunder Bay to a Fort William shelter by EMS volunteers

Montreal women's shelter- hygiene kits and cleaning supplies (courtesy Global Medic)

Kasabonika Lake First Nation - winter wear which will be distributed among local communities

Sandy Lake First Nation - Charlene Gordon from the RC of Stratford connected with Warren Philp from the RC of Port Arthur(Thunder Bay) and co-ordinated the transport of a new treadmill for use in a school - teamwork paid off!

## Message from the Chairman

### 2018

2018 was an amazingly active year and successful year. Our Annual Report will be released early January and can be viewed on our website [www.rotaryhip.com](http://www.rotaryhip.com). This success was in part because of the great efforts from our board and other volunteers but also because of our Executive Director, John Currie.

John, through his actions, took us into areas not even contemplated a year ago. Our success is also because an estimated 175 clubs across the country have chosen to become involved with HIP's mandate of Indigenous education and awareness in their communities.

The real excitement though is in the future as the possibilities are endless including financial awareness programs, engaging more community members in awareness events, supplying computers to northern communities, involving more clubs in cultural education and transition programs.

Our new Ally program (outlined separately) reflects the growth potential of HIP and the need for more financial resources to make all of this happen. The Ally program replaces the old members program and challenges every club and every Rotarian as well as the public to become engaged financially and with their time in the reconciliation process.

Reconciliation is a long-term exercise and if I may paraphrase the Hon. Frank Iacobucci, former Supreme Court of Canada judge and active participant in the reconciliation process who told me "of all the issues he has been involved with, none are more complex than Indigenous issues but none are more important to Canada."

HIP is at the forefront of this activity through our commitment to education and awareness. Participating in the Ally program will allow HIP and Rotary to continue to play a leading role. Please become an Ally. We need you!!

With all best wishes for a joyous holiday and meaningful 2019.

Migwetch (Thank You)

*Chris Snyder*

HIP Chairman

Rotary Club of Toronto



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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 fees 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](http://www.rotaryhip.com) for more details.

## Big Thank You to Our CIRCLE OF ALLIES

