



Summer Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- 2nd annual Pride event in Red Lake.
- 15th Annual Powwow in Red Lake.
- Staff changes.
- Online registration available at RLIFC.
- Cultural Education Teachings.

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Message from the President

Hello! As we welcome summer, the Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre Board of Directors wish you all a safe & an enjoyable vacation season. The Board has had the opportunity of having RLIFC staff members attend Board meetings to present us topics regarding their programming. We thank Sam Goodison, Lucie Longpeter, Micheal Brunton, and Christine Frenette who have presented to us and we look forward to hearing from the other program staff as the year progresses. I would also like to thank our hardworking administrative staff who have put in many extra hours fulfilling Centre obli-

gations and business this year, we know it hasn't



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been easy! The Board diligently continues to work on Pay Equity, policy development, and preparing for the

2018 AGM. We have some board members whose terms are coming to an end as well as a vacant position, so I encourage you to come to our Annual General Meeting on June 26 - 5:00 pm (potluck), express interest in sitting on the board, nominate a friend, and hear all about the successes of RLIFC this past year! Purchasing a \$2 membership allows you to vote at the AGM, so make sure you see Jacintha at reception or any RLIFC staff for yours today! Take care everyone!

Jeannette Dupasquier
RLIFC Board President

Message from the Executive Director

Booshoo! The week of May the 21st was a whirlwind of activity as the RLIFC hosted students from the area schools over a 3 day period. Students from St. John's School, Red Lake Madsen Public School, Golden Learning Centre and the Red Lake District High School came and heard about different teachings on: Conservation and sustainability, water teachings, and pre contact traditional technology and navi-

gation, teachings on different animals and the medicine wheel. To top it off there was also a bannock station where the students and visitors could sample fry bread, and blueberry jam as it came off the pan. The number of students that took part in those activities was over 400 and the week before we had the annual spring feast which was also well attended at site 2. As we enter the month of June there are a host of

activities happening and you can read about those on our Facebook page, as well as other things of prominence for the next quarter. June 7th, 2018 is election day and I would like to remind you to go out and vote and make your voice heard.

Meegwetch!

Peter Campbell
Executive Director



Picture of the RLIFC drum.

“The sound of thousands of prayers rise in rhythm of her jingles as her dance brings healing to her people.”-Jingle Dress Dancers

Candidates Mr. Doug Lawrance and Christine Penner Polle represent their parties.



Upcoming Events:

- May 11-Spring Feast event (2nd Annual)
- May 22-24 Cultural Education Days
- May 27-June 2 Victims of Crimes Week @R.L Legion (New starts)
- June 5-NDN Horse @ RL Heritage Centre.
- June 9-Red Lake Pride
- June 15-16 RL Pow-wow
- June 21-National Indigenous Day
- July 14-Fresh Air Family Fair
- July 20-21 Norseman Days.
- July 30-31 Drive test @ RL Legion.
- August-Back to school shopping. Date to be announced.

A calendar can be found on our website. Feel free to check online for upcoming programming, and events. www.rlifc.ca

Red Lake Pride-2nd year

RLIFC Alternative Secondary School coordinator Michael Brunton spear heads the second annual Pride event. “This year we plan to have a meet & greet on Friday, June 8th at site 2, and we will host a coffee house.” Anyone and everyone are

welcome to attend. The Red Lake youth wanted to show support for any and all LGBTQ2+. The pride event date is set for June 9th, 2018 at Kinsmen Beach, in Red Lake, ON. It will be a gathering for supports, families, and anyone who is

LGBTQ2 to come and have a fun time at the beach. There will be yard activities/games, water boards, swimming, music, and food. Please feel to volunteer, or show your support, and come join the Red Lake youth, and wear your pride!

Meet-N-Greet with local Candidates

On the morning of Wednesday, May 23, 2018 RLIFC welcomed local candidates running for the riding of Kiiwetinoong. Candidates had come to the centre and met with members. Two

candidates attended Mr. Doug Lawrance of the Liberal Party and Christine Penner Polle with the green party of Ontario; to get to know who Red Lake area candidates are and what their goals are

and what they want to do for our local areas. Both presented their Ridings and shared some of their history, we are thankful for their visit and wish them good luck on their campaigns.

Red Lake Anishinaabe POWWOW Circle

News– 15th Annual Powwow. On June 15th and 16th, 2018. The powwow trail leads to Keesic (Kinsmen) Beach in Red Lake, ON. Dust off your bustles and shine those beads, grand entry on June 15th is at 6:00 pm & on June 16th grand entry is at 12:00 noon & 6 p.m.

This year the host drum group is Obesandekong



(Poplar Hill) and the co-host group is Ozowshko-gaabo.

Honorariums are limited so register early: Adult dancers \$40, children dancers for the weekend \$20.

Drums:\$200.00 Split, mini-

mum 4 drummers per drum.

For more information or to register as a vendor please send us a message on Facebook or contact us through our webpage: redlakepowwowcommittee@weebly.com

This is an alcohol & drug free event. Absolutely no pets please. Camping is available on site.



“Keep Calm And Powwow On”

Elections Ontario Registration

Recently Angela Sinclair Indigenous Court Work Program Coordinator, placed a laptop for RLIFC members to register online at www.elections.on.ca there you can confirm, add, or update your information to the voters list. Find your return-

ing office, or find employment for the 2018 General Election. If you want to know more about the Political Parties, or information for Candidates, the Elections Ontario webpage is a good start. By registering online, they will inform you of the nearest

voting booth closest to you. In Red Lake, voting takes place at The Royal Canadian Legion on June 7th, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. that day, you may cast your votes. It is important to add your vote as you help decide where our country goes.



Staff Changes

Please welcome our new Canada Prenatal & Nutrition Worker Sandy Bullied, as well as our newest addition the Homelessness Community Activator Myrna Marcelais. We would like to take a moment to thank our co-op students Skky Kejick and

Kenzie Morton, our staff and clients were grateful for them. We the staff & clients alike, will miss them both. We wish them much success on their very bright futures. We would like to thank Mrs. Cassie Stus for her work with the Homelessness Program,

we will miss her and her ambitious and friendly personality. Good luck on your future endeavors. Cassie will continue to volunteer for the Red Lake Family Food bank.



Picture: 2018 cribbage tournament staff & clients who competed.



“Serving Red Lake’s First Peoples since 1971.”

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RLIFC Mission statement: To ensure that a community directed organization is working to improve the quality of life for Red Lake’s First Peoples & their descendants by promoting traditional values such as unity, sharing, respect, honesty, caring, and spirituality through social, recreational, and cultural activities.

Find us on the Web!

www.rlifc.ca

Cultural Education Days

On May 22nd to May 24th, 2018 RLIFC hosted “Cultural Education Days” for children in the Red Lake Area, from all the local schools. RLIFC partnered with McDowell Lake, MNR, and K.O.B.E to run land based teachings. There was an estimated number of 400 participants who attended the teachings. There were teachings on animals, land and water navigation, which also included building canoes. Other teachings included the 4 directions, 4 colors, and the 4 elements. Teachings of dwellings & the different types; wig-

wams/tiipiis that were built, which were easily built and efficient for travel and lodging big families. The Ministry of Natural Resources partnered with Kiizhaay to teach respect and sustainability of animals, and fishing practices. There



Pictured: RLIFC staff gather to set up the tiipii for Cultural Education Days.

were two local teachers Ed Imbeault and Billy Sukiennik who shared their knowledge about animals and taught children about respecting the animals, all forms of life, and each other.



The big hit was bannock making, each and every participant got to make and eat some of their own bannock. Congratulations to all the staff, volunteers and partners for a job well done.

Gitchi meegwetch!