
THE SELTZER-CHAN POND INLET FOUNDATION



The Pond Inlet Volunteer Committee

A Community Partnership

A primary reason for Foundation's success in Pond Inlet is due to the work of the local volunteer committee. Under the leadership of Helen Ferrigan, the 1999-2000 Committee is an outstanding example of community leadership and the Foundation thanks them very much. From left to right, the members are: Lorna Ootova Kilukishak (Cultural Heritage Services, Parks Canada), Helen Ferrigan (outgoing CEDO, Hamlet of Pond Inlet), Mike Demaio (incoming CEDO-Trainer), Philippa Ootoowak (Community Librarian), Caleb Sangoya (Church/Community), Nymon Killiktee (Asst. CEDO), Stuart van Oostveen (outgoing Principal, Nasivvik High School), George Koonoo (Renewable Resource Officer).



THE FOUNDATION HAS A NEW ADDRESS!

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Grant Recipients

Outstanding Participation from Pond Inlet

Nasivvik High School Day Care Centre

In 1999, the Foundation provided its first award, to the Nasivvik High School Day Care Centre. The award allowed Reepa Tagak continue her schooling by helping defray day care expenses for her son. Our goal for 2000 was to make more funds available and to reach more people.

Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program

This spring, the Foundation provided support to Nunavut Sivuniksavut, an Ottawa-based program that helps Inuit youth explore their own culture and history as well as that of other aboriginal groups around the world. With foundation support, Pond Inlet residents Samuel Arreak and Anita Ootoowak travelled to Australia as part of this worthwhile program. They learned about Australia, met aboriginal Australians and promoted awareness of Inuit culture in meetings and through performances of Inuit games, songs and throat singing.

Pond Inlet Individuals

In May, we asked Pond Inlet residents to submit funding requests. Posters written in Inuktitut were distributed and ten excellent applications were received. The committee in Pond Inlet made recommendations based on the degree to which each request met the Foundation's goals of "...preserving and perpetuating Inuit culture, assisting Inuit students with education or training programs, or relieving poverty."

The Foundation was delighted to endorse six excellent applications that the Committee noted as being particularly worthy.

This year's recipients are: Asenath Idlout (nursing student), Beverly Ootova (Management Studies student), Michael Peterloosie (Management Studies student), Justin Merkosak

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(Nunavut Sivuniksavut participant), Aaron Pitseolak (Nunavut Sivuniksavut participant) and Samson Ootoowak. The most unusual application was from Samson. Having been invited to join the team of NASA scientists studying the Haughton crater on Devon Island, this mechanical engineering student from Pond Inlet turned to the foundation to help fund his expenses to participate in the exciting Mars Project on Devon Island this summer.

Committee member Stuart van Oostveen noted, "There have only been six Canadian astronauts in all the years Canada has been involved in space travel, so this is a really big dream for a young person from Pond Inlet. We should encourage our young people to dream big." The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation is proud to help all of these young people make their big dreams come true.

FUNDRAISING - PLEASE GIVE

The success of the Foundation depends entirely on the generosity of those who support it. It is well received by the Pond Inlet community and continues to receive generous press coverage in the Northern News for the manner in which it is driven by the local community. Positioned to make a meaningful impact as an Inuit-driven registered charity, we ask you to consider making a donation to The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation so that the great work can continue.

BOOK LAUNCH BENEFITS FOUNDATION

Author Judith Love-Eastham published a travel guide to Asia last year entitled "Accommodating Asia" - now available at Chapters and other bookstores across Canada. Judith dedicated the book to Mark Seltzer and Marilyn Chan and is generously donating a portion of the proceeds of the sales to The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation.

A reception was held to launch the book at the home of Ontario's former Lieutenant Governor the Hon. Henry N. R. Jackman. We thank the Jackman family, and particularly Mrs. Maruja Jackman and Duncan Jackman, for making the event such a success. Special thanks also to Mrs. R. Dorene Seltzer for sponsoring the occasion.

SPECIAL NEWS

Mark Seltzer was posthumously presented with the Governor General's Award of Bravery in Ottawa in June 2000. While assisting Rosemary Waterston in a kayaking accident, Mark perished in the waters of Eclipse Sound, off Pond Inlet. Accepting the Award from Her Honour Adrienne Clarkson at Rideau Hall were Mark's mother R. Dorene Seltzer and brother, Gareth Seltzer.

2000-2001 BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHANGES

The Foundation notes the retirement of George Bihus from the Board of Directors. George worked tirelessly to get the Foundation up and running and his work is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

Helen Ferrigan and Stuart van Oostveen have moved to Yellowknife. Helen coordinated the work of the foundation committee in Pond Inlet since its inception. She provided thoughtful advice and invaluable assistance in raising the profile of the Foundation in Pond Inlet. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Helen and Stuart for their help in making the Foundation a success and we wish them every success in the future.

We welcome Mike Demaio who will take Helen's place as Community Economic Development Officer in Pond Inlet and who has kindly volunteered to act as our committee contact. Paul Mooney the new Principal at the Nasivvik High School has also kindly agreed to participate on the committee.

On behalf of the Foundation, Gareth Seltzer (Chairman), R. Dorene Seltzer (Director) and Rosemary Waterston (incoming Director), thank the community of Pond Inlet for allowing us to participate in their community and for their tremendous volunteer assistance in making the Foundation a success. Through the Foundation, we hope to provide meaningful financial assistance to the Pond Inlet community - to make a difference - and to serve the memory of Mark and Marilyn.