
THE SELTZER-CHAN POND INLET FOUNDATION: 2014



TRADITIONAL COOKING

One project this year involved community elders teaching young people how to butcher and prepare ‘country food’: caribou, seal and fish.



Students learning how to prepare caribou meat.

Ruth Sangoya cooking goose.

Another project through the Health Centre’s Home and Community Care Program sponsored an “Elder’s Tea” picnic.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

Every year the foundation funds many awards for high school students. One is the “IQ Award”, given this year to Megan Sangoya for demonstrating Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit: the eight principles in Inuit culture that are the basis of teaching in Nasivvik High School. IQ includes the principles of respect, collaboration and environmental stewardship.



Some of this year’s high school award winners

MUSIC FOR THE FUTURE

Professional musicians provided music workshops in Pond Inlet again this spring and fall. The students, instructors and community members look forward to these annual classes and performances.



Playing at the iceberg.

A long-time supporter of the music workshops, Johanna Sedlmayer-Katz, passed away this year. We will always be grateful for Johanna’s generosity in aiding our work.

QUJANNAMIIRAALUK PHILIPPA

In January 2014 Philippa Ootoovak retired as community coordinator of the foundation. A member of our committee in Pond Inlet since its inception in 1999, we want to offer our sincere thanks to Philippa for her years of dedicated service. Philippa created the application form used to apply for grants, publicized the foundation in Pond Inlet, convened committee meetings and prepared minutes detailing the committee’s recommendations for funding. Her outstanding organizational skills, sensible advice and cheerful manner made working with Philippa a delight. Enjoy your retirement, Philippa!

We are pleased to announce that Karen Nutarak, a committee member since 2012, has taken over the leadership role of the foundation in Pond Inlet and has already proved herself to be very valuable. Qujannamiiraaluk (really big thank you) to you too, Karen!

THE 2014 GRANTS

The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation is proud to announce that a total of **\$29,791** was distributed to the following organizations and individuals in 2014:

- *Music for the Future* workshops
- Nasivvik High School Student Awards
- Volunteer Youth Group
- Pangaggujiniq dog sled race
- Nunavut Teacher Education Program
- Dog team support and training
- Country cooking and summer outing for elders
- Volleyball club
- Educational material for teachers

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2014 Pond Inlet Committee: Karen Nutarak (SCPIF local co-ordinator), Tess Thurbert, Mary Krimmerdjuar, Jason Hatt, David Parks

Directors: Dorene Seltzer, Gareth Seltzer, Phillip King, Rosemary Waterston

PANGAGGUJINIQ (NUNAVUT QUEST) DOG SLED RACE

The Pangaggujiniq dog sled race was first held in 1999 to celebrate the creation of Nunavut. Each year since then, teams of ten to twelve dogs pulling qamutik (sleds) race between different communities in the North Baffin Island region. This year nine teams raced the 395 kilometers from Igloolik to Pond Inlet, the host community. As well as facing a challenging terrain that varied from rough pack ice along the coastline to deep soft snow in the valleys, racers were always on the lookout for polar bears. The foundation was pleased to contribute to an exciting event that has sparked a renewed interest in this traditional mode of travel and an increase in the number of dog teams in the participating communities.



The crowd hoists a racer and his qamutik (photo credit: adamcoishphotography).

100% of your donation goes directly to grant recipients.

The Foundation is volunteer-operated; all administrative costs are covered by board members.