

"To provide leadership in Aboriginal, government and industry relations by creating a circle to foster a broad understanding of different perspectives. CFAR facilitates the development of trust, respect and credibility among our membership and with others."

Chair's Message

Greetings CFAR members and non-members alike! I am pleased to present our second newsletter of the 2010-2011 CFAR year which will summarize events held since our last newsletter and provide an update on upcoming CFAR events and initiatives.

Since our last newsletter, we've held two very successful events. In November of 2010 we held our annual after hours business mixer in partnership with the Calgary Chamber of Commerce. This networking event drew around 100 attendees; revenue generated from the event was provided to Ghost River Rediscovery Society. In January of 2011 CFAR was pleased to host Chief Twinn of Sawridge First Nation at our first luncheon event of the 2011 year. This luncheon event drew record attendance and a very diverse group of attendees – further details are provided in this newsletter. CFAR would like to extend a warm thank you to Chief Twinn for making this event a success!

CFAR is looking forward to hosting Cole Pederson (Executive Director, Aboriginal Consultation, Alberta Aboriginal Relations) on April 7, 2011 at the Edmonton Petroleum Club to provide an update on Alberta's First Nation consultation guidelines –stay tuned for further details and sponsorship opportunities. In addition to our third luncheon event of the 2010-2011 year, the CFAR Board of Directors is busy planning our 2011 Annual Conference and Golf Tournament. Please mark your calendars (May 31 – June 2, 2011) for this exciting event!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the CFAR 2010-2011 Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication during the current CFAR year. We are making significant progress in planning and executing regular, high-quality events and advancing the development of a pilot credential recognition program for Aboriginal Relations practitioners. As well, the warmest of thanks to Christine Schreuder for her hard work and support of the Board of Directors.

I invite you to explore this newsletter for further details on recent and upcoming events as well as a listing of our sponsors and corporate members – without sponsorship and members support, CFAR would not be able to deliver events and programming of interest to our membership.

Warmest regards,



Janais Turuk

Chair, Circle for Aboriginal Relations Society

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The Circle for Aboriginal Relations is now on Facebook, one of the largest social networking sites in the world. Keep up to date with the latest CFAR events and expand your networking opportunities by joining us today. Simply search for CFAR - The Circle for Aboriginal Relations on Facebook, then click join and enjoy easy updates on CFAR events.



CFAR November 2010 Evening Gathering Mixer

The fourth annual CFAR-Calgary Chamber of Commerce Evening Gathering mixer was a terrific success. The event featured great music, conversation, food and company.

Approximately 100 attendees gathered against the backdrop of the historic Chamber Ballroom to reconnect, build relationships, and tap into new business opportunities. The event raised over \$1,000 for the Ghost River Rediscovery Centre.

In addition, Calvin Helin provided autographed copies of his newly released book *The Economic Dependency Trap*.

CFAR January 2011 Luncheon Event

CFAR rang in the New Year with a successful January luncheon event!

CFAR was extremely fortunate to have Chief Twinn speak about *Alternative Business Models for First Nations*. Chief Twinn was an excellent speaker – clear, concise and articulate; everything CFAR could ask for and more.



Attendees were engaged throughout the presentation and asked numerous questions. This luncheon not only presented an informative and fresh topic for delegates but also provided an opportunity to renew professional connections.

CFAR is extremely grateful to our Gold Sponsor Primco Dene, Silver Sponsors Pembina Pipeline Corp. and Royal Camp Services and our Friends of CFAR Sponsor Flint Energy Services Ltd.

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A thank you to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce as well for the excellent venue and service and to ATCO Electric for their involvement in securing the fantastic speaker, Chief Twinn.

Upcoming Events

April 7, 2011 Luncheon

The Circle for Aboriginal Relations will be hosting an exciting luncheon event on April 7, 2011 on Alberta's First Nation Consultation Guidelines, Past and Future.

The Government of Alberta established its first formal policy on First Nations Consultation in May, 2005 and supporting Guidelines in September, 2006. The Guidelines were revised in 2007 based on one year's experience and feedback but have remained stable since. As they had committed in the original Policy, Alberta launched a full-scale review of the Policy and Guidelines in 2009, the fourth year of the Policy.

Cole Pederson, Executive Director of Consultation for Alberta Aboriginal Relations will present the story of the policy review: where it has been and where it is going and when we expect it to get there. Cole will attempt to explain the range of factors involved in arriving at a new policy and will discuss how the full range of consulting departments is attempting to address those factors.

There are still opportunities for sponsorship for this event; please contact Christine Schreuder for more information and watch your inbox for updates.

CFAR Annual Conference



The Circle for Aboriginal Relations (CFAR) is hosting an exciting two-day conference and pre-conference golf tournament from **May 31, 2011 to June 2, 2011** at the Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort & The Ranch Golf and Country Club. This year the conference topic will be **Aboriginal Economic Capacity Building: Models for Success and Sustainability**. The conference will feature high profile and relevant speakers, excellent networking opportunities, interactive workshops and interesting sessions.

Our speakers will get the chance to share their knowledge with CFAR's diverse membership and our sponsors not only support CFAR, but are provided with great exposure to industry, government and Aboriginal communities.

Contact Christine Schreuder today for more information on becoming one of our valued sponsors.

Member's Corner

Members Corner provides an opportunity for CFAR members in good standing to profile various events, job opportunities and activities that may be of interest to the broader membership. While the specific content of Members Corner is not necessarily endorsed by the CFAR Board or its membership, the events and activities listed are consistent with CFAR's mission to foster a broad understanding of different perspectives.

If you have an event, success story or other interesting news that you would like to share with CFAR members please send your entries to info@cfarsociety.ca (Note: Submissions may be edited for length and clarity and will be posted at the board's discretion).

Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women

IAAW is a non-profit organization dedicated to delivering programs and services to Aboriginal women in Alberta. We recognize and honour those who are working towards a better future for Aboriginal women each year through our Annual Esquao Awards Gala.

Each year IAAW honours 20 Alberta Aboriginal Women at the Esquao Awards. These awards are given in recognition of Aboriginal Women's achievements by their own communities, have made incalculable contributions to better understanding and appreciation on the part of elected officials (local, provincial and federal) and influential decision makers in government, industry, and business.

The involvement of prominent individuals in handing out the awards have opened valuable channels of communication and given stature to the achievements of the Esquao recipients. It has served as living proof that the work of the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women is not about confrontation, competition, or one-upmanship; but about recognizing and uplifting Aboriginal Women and helping them take their rightful place in Canadian society.

IAAW also provides a venue for Aboriginal women to connect to other Aboriginal women through our website and the 14 Chapters in Alberta. We communicate and network with other organizations to ensure IAAW services enhance other services provided. IAAW convene conferences and seminars that benefit Aboriginal women along with conducting and sponsor workshops that advance Aboriginal women through skill development and empowerment. We are an advocate for Aboriginal Women where all other avenues have been exhausted and we carry out projects which will benefit and enhance Aboriginal Women.

Currently IAAW is offering; Leadership Development, the Esquao Independence Program and Financial Education Project. All programs are designed to increase Aboriginal women's independence.

1. The Leadership Development objective is to increase opportunities for First Nation, Métis and Inuit Edmontonians to be involved in collaborative community initiatives focused on safety and security to address crime, violence reduction, and justice issues.
2. Esquao Independence Program (E.I.P) The program is 16-weeks and its primary focus is teaching pre-employment and life skills strategies to Aboriginal women from 15-29 years old.
3. Financial Education Program goal is to develop and expand the knowledge base of personal finance for Aboriginal women to create financial independence.

For more information on our programs or the 16th Annual Esquao Awards Gala, please contact our office (780) 479-8195 or website www.iaaw.ca.

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