



SIoux LOOKOUT  
MENO YA WIN HEALTH CENTRE

# Foundation



# Foundation News

Spring 2014

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE RIGHT HERE AT HOME

“Thank you for continuing to support our fundraising efforts. Together we are creating healthier futures... right here, right now.”

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## Upcoming Events

Join in, contribute, volunteer!

**Community Fish Fry**  
**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**Sioux Lookout Town Beach**

**Bearskin Airlines Charity Golf Classic**  
**Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**Sioux Lookout Golf & Curling Club**

Please call 737-7997 for further information on our events or to volunteer!

## Driving for the Green

In Memory of Harvey Friesen

The foundation lost a very special person with the passing of Harvey Friesen. Harvey was a great community leader and pioneer in Northwestern Ontario aviation. Bearskin Airlines and Harvey always took great pride in supporting local charities through the Annual Bearskin Airlines Charity Golf Classic. Over the past 15 years the charity golf classic has raised more than \$300,000.00 for the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre. This is a most generous event that has helped to build a new Health Centre for Sioux Lookout and 29 First Nations communities, and continues to help us to provide world-class emergency and primary healthcare services to our patients.

We thank Bearskin Airlines staff and volunteers, as well as event sponsors and participants for continuing to support the Annual Bearskin Airlines Charity Golf Classic in Sioux Lookout.

Please join us on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Sioux Lookout Golf & Curling Club for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bearskin Airlines Charity Golf Classic in memory of Harvey Friesen.

Together we are making a difference, and together we are ensuring healthier futures for all people living in Sioux Lookout, the surrounding communities, and the Northern First Nations served by the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre.

To register a team or for sponsorship information please call Rick Kirton at 737-3600 or the foundation office at 737-7997.



## Harvey Friesen Remembered

Submitted by Douglas Semple, Director SLMHC Foundation

I first saw Harvey Friesen the summer I came back from my first year in residential school down in southern Ontario. I can still see the picture of him on that day very clearly in my mind. He'd had just come into Wunnumin Lake and he had one of his sons with him, I think it may have been Jason. Anyway, Jason was riding on his Dad's shoulders as they went for a walk down the beach. The day was warm but overcast, just an all around good day for father and son time for them.

That was my first impression of Harvey, a good father and caring man. I believe he went on to carry those qualities throughout his life. He cared about the people that he served with his business, which is of course as it should be. In a world of business and commerce that has gone mad in the pursuit of profit and wealth creation for the investor, Harvey maintained a commitment that his business be socially responsible as he guided it throughout the years. As a result of this commitment the northern communities and the people in those communities were better served with easy access to health care and much improved travel services from the south.

In these later years I had opportunities to work with Harvey, with his business and as well as with some of the other projects we both were involved in. The most impacting of these was the new Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre. He and I served on the SLMHC foundation board of directors, which was responsible for raising the funds needed for the construction of the new facility. Not only did he serve on the board but he and his family also gave liberally of their resources towards the construction costs.

That is just the way he was I think, to give back to a market place that provided for him and his family all these years. He will be missed on this side of eternity. But on the other side he is welcomed with great joy by so many friends he made in the north while he was here. One of those people is my father-in-law. He always spoke highly of him as one who helped him during his hunting and trapping years. By the same token he would proudly say, "I helped him make a success of Bearskin Airlines". I am sure there are many throughout the north who remember him the same way.

Good-bye Harvey and thank you for making a difference.

Douglas Semple, Director  
SLMHC Foundation



## Making a Difference



On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 representatives from Superior Propane presented the SLMHC

foundation with a \$15,000 gift to assist with ongoing equipment needs at the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre. The donation is the third contribution presented by Superior Propane since the opening of the new facility in 2010, and is part of an annual commitment to support health care in the north. "The Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre and Superior Propane have developed a strong working relationship that we will continue to focus on," said Superior Propane's Phil Eddy. He further noted that, "Superior Propane is committed to supporting the health, wellness, and well-being of the residents within Sioux Lookout and Northwestern Ontario." SLMHC Foundation President Marnie Hoey thanked Superior Propane for the donation, commenting that, "Superior Propane is recognizing the importance of supporting the facility. We are continuing to move forward with more and more services to continue our goal of having a centre of excellence here in the north everyone can benefit from."



On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 the Canadian Cancer Society presented the foundation with a gift of \$3,215.00. The donation represents a portion of funds raised at last year's Relay For

Life in Sioux Lookout. "We are very grateful for the generous support we have received from the Canadian Cancer Society. Relay For Life proceeds will help us fund cancer-care programs at the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre, and allow us to accomplish so much more in the fight against cancer right here at home." - Marnie Hoey, SLMHC Foundation President

## Igloo Workshop in support of the Foundation

On Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, John Stradiotto of Sioux Lookout hosted an igloo tour and workshop in support of the foundation's fundraising efforts. Participants paid a fee to take part, all of which was donated to the foundation to enhance health care in the north. Thank you John for hosting this fun and creative event!



Have an event you would like to host? Give us a call 737-7997