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Children's Aid Society of Brant



OFFICIAL OPENING - OHSWKEN BRANCH OFFICE

October 29th, 1987

CALL TO ORDER

Welcome everyone.

Ladies and Gentlemen, today we welcome you to the Official Opening of our new office facilities at our Ohsweken Branch Office. The Children's Aid Society of Brant is pleased to acknowledge today the presence of our special guests.

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**Mr. Peter Barnes, Deputy Minister
of Community & Social Services.**

OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES:

From Six Nations Council -

**Lewis Staats - Chairman of the
Social Services Committee**

From New Credit Council -

Carol ~~T. B.~~ *Branth*

From The County of Brant -

**Former Board Member, County
Reeve, Joe Keresturi**

From the City of Brantford -

**Another former Board Member,
the new Mayor, Karen George**

Also, today we are happy to welcome:

From the Ministry of Community & Social Services -

Our new Area Manager, Don Cornish

and

**Our Programme Supervisor for Brant
County, Bryan Shields**

From the Judiciary -

Our Family Court Judge, His Honour
Judge Don Cooper

From the Ministry of the Attorney General -

We are pleased that the Crown Attor-
ney, Don Angevine could be with
us.

Officially representing our Board of Directors are -

Rob Campbell, Chairman

Roy McDonald, Property Chairman

Shirley Farmer, Representative
from Six Nations

and from

New Credit, Joanne Sault.

Also today, joining in our celebrations are:

OPENING PRAYER

To commence our opening ceremonies, I would like to call upon a man who has contributed much to the cultural life of this community. Through his lectures, and more especially through his Iroquois Dance Troupe, Jim Skye has demonstrated both nationally and internationally the richness of this community's history.

Central to this history is the community's concern for children and the quality of family life. We now ask that Mr. Skye lead us in prayer as we reflect upon the purpose for our celebration today.

*Onondaga -
Deer Clan - Faith*

WORDS OF WELCOME FROM THE NATIVE COMMUNITY

1. I would like now to ask Shirley Farmer, our Board Member
from Six Nations, to introduce our representative from the Six Nations
Band Council.

*Shirley Farmer
Lewis Staats*

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2. Likewise, I would call upon Joanne Sault, our Board member
from New Credit Council, to introduce our representative from the
Mississaugas of New Credit Band Council.

*Carol Brant
Carol Brant*

ENTERTAINMENT

As I mentioned in the opening remarks, dancers actively promote the culture and traditions of Indian people. As this is firstly a social occasion, we are pleased to have the

Six Nations #5 School's Softshoers

perform. This group of 22 children range in age from seven to twelve years old and while it is year one for some, it is year 6 for others.

The dances performed to the music entitled "**Iroquois Social**

Dances" will include -

Welcome Dance

Moccasin Dance

Rabbit Dance

Skin Dance

Duck Dance

Round Dance

Stick Dance

Alligator Dance

Cold Dance

The troupe under the direction of Mrs. Cheryl Sayer want us to know that the children would like their performance to be a gift to the children we serve through this office.

Ladies & Gentlemen, the Six Nations #5 Elementary School

Softshoers.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS CONTINUED

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INTRODUCTION OF ROY MacDONALD

Buildings are obviously not what makes a service — it is the people who share a common purpose and possess the skills and expertise that make the service of benefit.

However, without the proper facilities, the best of staff are limited in what they can do.

It is a pleasure to introduce to you the man whose job it is, as Property Committee Chairman, to ensure that the facilities are the best possible within the resources available.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, he, too, has a presentation to make.

Mr. MacDonald.

"TWILIGHT DANCER"

- Rick Beaver

Rick Beaver was born in 1948 at the Alderville Indian Reserve in East Central Ontario. A wildlife Biologist career led him to Western Canada with the Canadian Wildlife Service, an experience complimentary in much of his imagery.

He returned to the shores of Rice Lake, Ontario, to paint fulltime in 1981. Allying nature and art, Rick's work shows definite texture contrasts. Backgrounds are softly amorphous and lilting compared to the sculpural linearity of the creature he has chosen to depict. This melding of forms that is faithful to biology with abstract backdrops is at the heart of the painting of Rick Beaver.

Rick was commissioned in 1986 by the Office of Native Employment, Public Service Commission, to paint "Twilight Dancer" for the 1987 calendar.

GREETINGS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

I have a number of messages from our elected officials who were not able to join us today but who wish to pass on their regards.

3 letters with messages from:-

Derek Blackburn

Robert Nixon

David Neuman

OFFICIAL ADDRESS

The Services of the Children's Aid Society delivered under the mandate of the Child & Family Services Act.

The Provincial Ministry with responsibility for this legislation is the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

I would like to call upon a man who is no stranger to this community, the local Ministry Programme Supervisor, **Mr. Bryan Shields**, to introduce today our keynote speaker.

Bryan Shields.

RIBBON CUTTING

We will now officially open the building by inviting

Mr. Barnes

Mr. Campbell

Mr. Staats

~~Mr. Staats~~

Ms. Brant

to participate in the Ribbon Cutting ceremony in from of the Building.

Children from New Credit

will hold the ribbon

OPEN HOUSE

I would like to thank all of you for being with us today and all those who have contributed to our celebrations.

I invite you to tour the premises — meet our staff — and partake in the refreshments provided.

Thank you.



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Ohsweken, Ontario*

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and Mississaugas of the Credit Reserve
Telephone: (519) 445-2247*

*The Children's Aid Society of Brant
invites you
to the official opening
of the new office facilities
of its Ohsweken Branch*

*The Opening will take place at the
White Pines Complex
in the Village of Ohsweken,
Six Nations Reserve,
on Thursday, October 29, 1987
at 2 p.m.*

entertainment and refreshments provided