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3rd Annual Northern Lenders Tradeshow – May 7, 2009

August 2009



Visions North had the pleasure of again hosting the Northern Lenders Trade Show on May 7, 2009 at the La Ronge Hotel & Suites. The weather wasn't particularly accommodating with snow and freezing rain reducing the numbers attending and the intrepid golfers who wanted to get in a morning round before the show were unfortunately, disappointed.

The trade show had a wide variety of ideas brought forward by people attending. They ranged from establishing a new business to buying an existing business to expanding an existing business. New contacts were made by each

agency and existing clients came to consult with their lenders. As in previous years, the lenders were very appreciative of the time to network with each other. 2010 will bring another event and we are considering a slightly different approach. Stay tuned for the details in early winter.

Peter Kenyon, Presenter/Facilitator with Bank of I.D.E.A.S., presented a workshop on Community Improvement Strategies. This involved the opportunity to expose community audiences to brainstorming out of the box thinking, asset mapping, opportunity identification, prioritization through fun values clarification exercises. This workshop was held July 2, 2009 at the La Ronge Hotel & Suites; approximately 23 people attended the workshop.

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UPCOMING EVENT:

LIFE IN GENERAL, BUSINESS AND EVERYTHING! 3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Date: Monday, October 19, 2009

Time: 11:00 am to 8:00 pm – Lunch and Dinner provided

Location: La Ronge Hotel & Suites

Cost:

\$50.00 for day/evening 11am to 8 pm before August 31, 2009

\$75.00 for day/evening 11 am to 8 pm after August 31, 2009

\$50.00 for dinner and evening keynote speaker only.

Space is limited so registrations paid for the day/evening will have priority over registrations for Dinner and Evening Keynote Speaker.

To Register or for more Information: Call 306-425-2612 or Email: jean@visionsnorth.com or stop in at 711 La Ronge Avenue, La Ronge, SK

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



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Northern Disability Conference, La Ronge, SK – September 11 & 12, 2009

The Gary Tinker Federation for the Disabled Inc's main goal is to make long term improvements to the lives of disabled persons that reside in northern Saskatchewan.

The Gary Tinker Federation for the Disabled Inc (G.T.F.) is a non-profit organization established in 1989 to identify and address the needs of disabled persons in northern Saskatchewan.

Gary Tinker Federation is hosting the Northern Disability Conference in La Ronge, SK on September 11 & 12, 2009, to be followed by the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Gary Tinker's Walk from La Ronge to Regina – 650 kilometers in 79 days.

Facilitator, Flo Frank will walk the group through table discussions on the first day to create a pool of knowledge and ideas. Topics such as Health, Housing, Caregivers, Transportation, Employment and Training, Education and Training, Recreation and Leisure, Addictions and Recovery, Abuse, Accessibility, Advocacy and Human Rights Will be discussed with solutions in mind, in a northern way with a perspective of northern challenges. The conference activities will be held at the La Ronge Hotel & Suites

This conference is the first of its kind in northern Saskatchewan and the foundation looks forward to seeing many people involved in making positive steps toward a brighter future.

The conference will be followed by the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Gary Tinker's walk from La Ronge to Regina. This will be held at the Jonas Roberts Memorial Community Centre. The celebration will commence at 4:30 pm with introduction of guest and remarks followed by a buffet dinner with special guests and announcements. Evening entertainment will be Luca "Lazylegz" Patuelliin direct from Montreal – Break Dancing Phenomenon and Motivation Speaker. Luca was born with Arthrogyrosis. At the age of 8 he was diagnosed with Scoliosis, curvature of the spine. By age of 13, his spine had a 60% curvature. Eight of his vertebrae were fused and titanium rods were inserted alongside the spine. His disability never stopped him from accomplishing what doctors and most people considered impossible and helped him become the man he is today. In 1999 at age 15, Luca an avid dancer started to "break" during high school. Noting his muscular arms and natural athleticism, Luca's friends thought he would do well in this extremely dynamic activity. They took him to his first Break-Dance competition, and since then, it became his passion.



Gary Tinker

In October 1989, Gary Tinker a person with cerebral palsy and a resident of Pinehouse, northern Saskatchewan, completed a 650 kilometre walk on crutches from La Ronge to Regina. Gary undertook this walk to raise awareness of the needs of people with disabilities in northern Saskatchewan. In November 1989, a Steering Committee was set up. The committee includes representatives of Northern Affairs, Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training - Northern Branch, Human Resource Development Canada. These agencies along with Gary Tinker and other concerned persons and representatives from the disabled community established the Gary Tinker Federation.

