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PRAIRIE REGION UPDATE

The Prairie Region Update is intended to keep grandmothers groups across the Prairies connected to each other and informed about the SLF Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

NEWS FROM THE SLF

Flash Dance Response

"On World AIDS Day (Dec1) hundreds of grandmothers and ' grandothers' across Canada participated in a nationwide series of #GrandmothersCampaign flash mobs to call the world's attention to the scale of the global AIDS epidemic and the herculean role African grandmothers are playing in response".

Well, what has been the response to this nationwide event that was never done before? In the space of two weeks, the SLF reports that 18,000 persons viewed the video which compiled the 60 groups dancing in 35 centres across Canada. 26 individuals joined various grandmother groups and 60 persons requested the Granny Bulletin!

If you haven't viewed the flash dance video as yet, you need to do so. Go to the SLF website, Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign and look up flash dance. As a matter of fact, there is continued and growing interest and support to repeat the flash dance mob event next year as well. As Gail and I listened to the various ways and venues employed in this initial endeavour, ideas were generated in how more inclusive and expansive our efforts can be next year if this is the will of our grandmother groups in the Prairie Region.

Wait for it!...Wait for it!

The much anticipated coffee table book depicting Canadian grandmothers in support of African grandmothers is in the hands of a publisher! The compilation of literally hundreds of pages is now in the process of being edited down to comprise a more acceptable compilation of memories.

The goal is that the book will be available in the fall for purchase by grandmothers within groups as well as the public through book stores. So, keep tuned as the formulation regarding events surrounding the release of this fabulous book is being considered.



NEWS FROM OUR PRAIRIE REGION

Nipawin and District G4G

The Nipawin and District G4G raised over \$2,000 once again this year at its annual Carol Festival. Over the last 10 years, we've raised a total of approximately \$20,000 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation.



G4G Moose Jaw

G4G Moose Jaw took a break over the Christmas season and will be planning an event for spring or early summer. Our Next meeting is on Monday, January 30 at 1:30 pm at St. Aidan Anglican Church, 124 1st Avenue N.E. Please use the 1st Avenue East door. New members of either gender are welcome.

We hope that 2017 will be a banner year for all the Grandmothers groups across the Prairies!



Please let us know of any events your group is holding, or has held recently, and we'll post it here. Disclaimer: we try to get the information accurate – but please be sure to check with the local group before you venture out to an event in case there are any errors or changes.

If you would like more information on any of this material, please do let us know. We are here to support you and your groups with information sharing and connections, so please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

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