

## **Lee Sprague to Highlight CACC's 2010 General Membership Meeting**

Lee Sprague, Tribal Council Member, and former Ogema or Chief, of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and former Clean Energy Campaign Manager for Michigan Chapter of Sierra Club will address CACC's 2010 General Membership Meeting. The meeting will be held Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 1 - 5 PM at the Fireplace Room of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, 855 Grove Street, East Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Sprague will speak on: "Environmental Justice - and Building Coalitions to Protect the Great Lakes." Mr. Sprague has a degree in International Indigenous Law from San Francisco State University and has a wealth of experience in grassroots organizing on environmental justice and energy issues.

### **Listen to the Youth - They Are Our Future!**

CACC is growing! A Youth Group has formed from the young people who worked last summer at the CACC Snack Bar at the Wheatland Music Festival. These young people, nurtured by the fine arts and music, aware of the great beauty of their Great Lakes home and the impact of our human footprint, have enthusiasm, good ideas and want to put those ideas into action. Gretchen Michaels, CACC Director, is facilitator of the Youth Group.

The CACC Kitchen at the Wheatland Music Festival in September in Remus, Michigan is CACC's biggest fundraiser. We bring healthy, hearty food to thousands of hungry Festival-Goers. It also is an opportunity to educate about local food and other issues generic to our watershed. You can volunteer to be part of the CACC Kitchen Crew after June 30<sup>th</sup>, on our website: <http://www.caccmi.org/> - You can be part a memorable weekend and also help fund CACC's educational and outreach efforts.

In a momentous victory, the Huron Environmental Activist League (H.E.A.L.), CACC's chapter in Alpena, working with Earth Justice and other groups nationwide, spurred EPA - for the first time ever - to regulate emission levels of mercury and other toxins from cement kilns. H.E.A.L. and CACC joined with many other Michigan groups advocating for clean energy alternatives, and took part in educational efforts which helped stop construction of two coal plants, that would have added to pollution in Michigan, in the location the mining occurs and where the wastes are stockpiled.

CACC's involvement with the Great Lakes Health Banner, begun in Michigan over a decade ago by Mary Ann Stroup and Families for Environmental Awareness, continues to grow! CACC member Toby Benetti, a Lansing area resident, now houses the Banner, with panels representing over 80 Great Lakes organizations. The Banner is a visible call to action for our communities to eliminate environmental toxins that harm the health of our children and the Great Lakes watershed.

The CACC board is proceeding with preparatory work to turn CACC's office in Lake Station into an energy-efficient building that we can use for future workshops and educational events. The office is a deeply appreciated gift from a local donor.

CACC participates in the Michigan Network for Children's Environmental Health, and recently endorsed the Diesel Clean-Up Campaign. CACC is a member of the Michigan Environmental Council and Earth Share of Michigan and participates in Great Lakes United's Green Energy/Nuclear Free Task Force. CACC is one of several intervening groups and individuals working for clean energy in Michigan, who are opposing a proposed nuclear reactor in Monroe - a threat to the health of our watershed.

Pam Warren is CACC's capable webmaster. Our website is: <http://www.caccmi.org/> Joseph Badura heads up the CACC Canvas in the Lansing area. CACC publishes a quarterly newsletter, the CACC News.

This is but a small slice of the important work CACC does. We invite you to join us June 13<sup>th</sup> and share with us those issues that move you to work for a healthy planet. Your participation is valuable and needed. It is worthy work, with satisfaction and good company at the end of the day.

### **Proposed Agenda for CACC's GMM**

#### **Old Business**

Introductions

Approval of May minutes

Treasurer's Report

Website/Newsletter

CACC Youth Group

Report from Huron Environmental Activist League

CACC's Food Concession at Wheatland

#### **New Business**

Election of 2010-2011 CACC Board of Directors Treasurer's Report

Announcements

Adjournment

## Proposed Slate of CACC Board of Director Candidates for 2009- 2010

**Ann Hunt** is current Treasurer for the CACC Board and has served as the former Executive Director. - *As a founding member of CACC, I believe strongly in the mission of the organization. I believe that only through empowerment of citizens to take action themselves on issues of concern to them, will we mobilize our collective energies to bring about change. My goal for CACC is to see it continue to grow in both membership and strength, eventually to staffing the CACC office on a regular basis so its resources are available to members and the public.*

**Gretchen Michaels** is a painter and a Fine Arts Educator. She loves her organic gardens and hikes in the mountains. Although she has visited two dozen countries, she finds no place more special than the Great Lakes Bioregion. Gretchen is currently on the CACC board. She coordinates the Great Lakes Health Banner Project. As part of our Education Committee, Gretchen has taken a leadership role in the emerging new CACC Youth Group.

**John Witucki** is a current member of the CACC Board of Directors. - *I have been active with CACC for almost 20 years - much more so in the last 7 years, especially regarding the Wheatland Music Festival. I have worked as a social worker for the State for almost 25 years, am a native of Bay City and have been active in environmental and peace and justice issues for most of my life.*

**Lucia Campbell** - is the Secretary on the current Board of Directors. She has been a staunch CACC volunteer at Wheatland for many years. - *I have been a member of CACC since I discovered I could contribute through the United Way drive in my office, and have influenced others in my work area to donate to CACC through the United Way, too. My primary interest as a CACC member is in preserving Michigan's environmental quality. An area of concern is the shortsightedness of dumping ANYTHING in the midst of the largest reserve of fresh water on the planet. I believe producers of products should be responsible for any contribution their processes make to the waste stream in any form.*

**Phill Hunt** is a founding member of CACC, the source of many of CACC's most successful fund raising opportunities, and is a current member of the CACC Board of Directors. Phill has been a volunteer at the Wheatland Food Concession since CACC started serving food there! He's also one the inspirations for the Backyard ECO Conference and a firm believer that you can only hear so much depressing news - then you have to dance! He is a licensed contractor and both the designer and builder of CACC's Wheatland food building - the hardshell CACC tent.

**Victor McManemy** - Victor is the current Chairman of the CACC Board of Directors. He is a songwriter, troubadour, historian and advocate for the Great Lakes and the Indigenous Peoples of the Great Lakes region. He is an excellent cook, and a tremendous inspiration to us. He has been a stalwart volunteer for CACC's fundraising efforts at the Wheatland Festival for over a decade, and his songs have been a feature of the Backyard Eco Conference since 1983.

**Connie Beauvais** -- Connie is a member of the current Board of Directors and has been the Chief Coordinator for CACC's Wheatland Food Concession at the Wheatland Music Festival for countless years. She is a member of CACC's Fundraising Committee and is a Personal Chef and Caterer with emphasis on organic and vegetarian foods. She is a large organic gardener and has participated for several years in board meetings. Connie also has worked many years as chef and coordinator - caterer for the Backyard Eco Conference. In the fall of 2008, she hosted the CACC Board of Directors retreat.

**Stas Yascolt** is a member of the current Board of Directors and has volunteered at CACC's Kitchen at Wheatland for quite a few years. Most of you know him as the capable auctioneer at CACC's Silent Auction. Stas has a strong background in Peace and Justice work, and has been involved in the successful efforts to stop the new coal plant in Bay City. - *I see CACC as being an effective grassroots organization with talented leaders. The work CACC is doing affects the entire planet.*

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**CACC Member Endorsement Ballot for 2010-2011 CACC Board of Directors - Ballots due by Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (unless voting in person at the 2010 CACC General Membership Meeting.)** Mail to "CACC Ballot" C/o Kay Cumbow 15184 Dudley Rd., Brown City, MI 48416, or send by email to: [kcumbow@caccmi.org](mailto:kcumbow@caccmi.org)

**CACC Members may vote once - by mail, email, or at the General Membership Meeting, 1-5 pm, Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, 855 Grove St., East Lansing, Michigan.**

I endorse the above slate of proposed candidates for the CACC Board of Directors for 2010-2011.

Yes  No

(Optional) Write in nomination for CACC board of directors. \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate piece of paper, please give your reasons why this person is qualified to be on the CACC board of directors. Note: Nominations for CACC's board may also be offered at CACC's General Membership Meeting.