

Spring Feast

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Spring time teachings and traditional foods
- Everyone is welcome
- Guest speaker: **TOM PETERS**

Location: 7th Generation



About the guest speaker

Tom Peters is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa Chippewa. He is married to Karen Kay-Peters and the father of 4 daughters, 13 grandchildren, and 2 great grandsons, he is originally from Charlevoix, Michigan. He attended Michigan Technological University graduating in Electrical Engineering in 1971. He also attended Lake Superior State University receiving a degree in Electronic Engineering and Computer Science. Tom is an Anishinaabe traditional pipe carrier and is a founding board member of the Anishinaabemowin Teg Inc. (an international organization dedicated to preserving the Anishinaabe Language).

Tom is currently the director of engineering at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme Michigan, a past board member of the Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency, founding member of the Michigan Chapter of AISES Professional Chapter (American Indian Science and Engineering Society). He retired as a Senior Manufacturing Engineer from General Motors where he worked as a project engineer on computerized facility management systems.

In 1999 Tom received the Frank Hugo Memorial Nishnaabemowin Language Award from the Bay Mills Indian Community. He has been a keynote speaker at many conferences and conducted numerous workshops on Anishinaabe Cultural, Language and technology.

A member of the Medicine Lodge Singers (a non-alcohol community pow wow drum), traditional dancer and story teller. He believes in the need for a strong self image through the understanding of Anishinaabe culture and traditions.

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