KANGIQSUJJAUAQ - ELDERS AND YOUTH GATHERING

April 2018

On April 17 & 18 youth and elders from across Nunavik met at the Qaggik Community Gym in Kangirsuq to talk about our history, our culture and traditions and how to move forward together towards a positive future. Many questions were asked and many amazing solutions were posed by both generations. Relationships were formed and the generational gap seemed to move a little closer.

Youth learned about historical events, past life styles, cultural values and Inuit strength through the stories of our elders. Elders recognized the pride and power instilled in youth once they knew where they came from and met the people who fought so hard to get them there.

Participants, organizers and community members felt that a shift is beginning. A new relationship between Youth and elders, Traditional and Modern, Past and present is taking form and these gatherings are where they begin. We hope to create more space and time to gather youth and elders and we want to help facilitate the discussions and the learning process.

When we focused on our traditional values and lifestyle we began to feel empowered and directed into a forward motion where both generations could work together with understanding and the hunger for life. Cultural project ideas were talked about, teaching youth land skills and language were huge topics. We hope to take all ideas and suggestions from the youth and elders and create partnerships within the region to make things happen!

QARJUIT TEAM

To learn more about Avataani visit our website at www.avataani.ca
Happy summer season!

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If you had to eat the exact same meal every day for the next six months, what would you pick? Pad Thai with beef, hot sauce and a cold glass of Perrier mineral water.

My wish for the next 12 months would be that the world would be in the best kind of shape.

What would be your wish for Inuit people? My wish is for us to be happy. I believe that happiness is the most important thing for everyone.

If you had to eat the exact same meal every day for the next 12 months, what would you pick? I would say my greatest accomplishment is my family. My family is the most important thing in my life.

If you could repeat any day of your life, which day would you choose? I would choose the day I met my wife. That day was one of the most important days in my life.

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What’s your biggest fear? My biggest fear is losing my job. Losing my job would be devastating to me.

What would you wish for Inuit people? My wish is that Inuit people will be happy and healthy.

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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

ALL THE WAY FROM THE
NUNAVIK YOUTH SHINE
ARCTIC WINTER GAMES 2018

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TEAM NUNAVIK-
QUÉBEC IN RESULTS

21 ULUS 8 FAIR PLAY PINS

2 WORLD RECORDS

On March 19, a 30-year old world record was broken in a blue-heel jump, following Eliane Saliuk’s 1.51 meter leap surpassing the previous record of 1.57 meters.

On March 21, Sallumuk Larry. This native broke the record for last 35 seconds at Airplane - Arctic Sports.

52 ATHLETES

5 DIFFERENT SPORTS

3 CULTURAL PERFORMERS

10 COACHES

8 MISSION STAFF

1 CHAPERONE

1 ELDER’S REPRESENTATIVE

“BADMINTON
PAULUSEN TIE

It felt awesome! It felt awesome [to hold the flag]; it was really heavy, but it felt awesome. I was happy, my parents were happy.

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“It felt awesome (to hold the flag); it was kind of heavy, but it felt awesome. I was really happy, my parents were happy, and my friends back home, it was a great experience!”

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AMAZING PROJECTS TO RECEIVE FUNDING!

Operation Life Preserver

LINC NUNAVUT
SEWING PROJECT (KINGIUT)
$10,000

SEWING PROJECTS (KUJUJ)
$2,000

LAPD DANCE EDUCATION (KUJUJ)
$10,000

WINTER PARKA PROJECT (KUJUJ)
$7,200

KAKERAQ ARCHITECTURE CLUB (KUJUJ)
$5,000

AMARUK FIREMAN project (KUJUJ)
$2,000

KUGAQ FIRST NATIONS GAMES (KUJUJ)
$3,000

COMPUTER AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP (KUJUJ)
$10,000

HOCKEY COMMITTEE (AVIAALANGARD)
$7,000

If you want to participate in other fabulous adventures with the Qajujuk team, email us at youth@qarjuit.ca. Listen to the Hits and follow our Facebook page for youth opportunities!

A Cup of Tea with Maggee Emudluk

Q: What inspired you to get involved in your community and the region?

My inspiration came from my late father, Willie Emudluk. Dad was a Deputy Mayor in our community for as long as I can remember. He was a natural leader, an entrepreneur, a man who was quite adaptable to new things and wanted achievement in his community. As he was unilingual, he wanted me to have the tools to be able to perform in today’s world.

I first got elected to the Municipal Council of Kangiqsualujjuaq in 1986. It was in the days when outside influence was more evident and decisions made unilaterally, especially from the governments and its regulations that are totally not adapted to our northern realities. I was motivated to get involved then, after the Municipal Council with Dad until he retired in the early 2000s and I remain on the Council to date. Got elected Mayor in 2005 for 8 years and at the same time appointed Regional Councilor for the KRG. From 1995 to mid-2000s, was elected to the KRG Executive Committee, Vice Chair and various boards representing the KRG.

Q: What do you value the most in our culture?

What I value the most in our culture is who we are, our identity as Inuit! We are a distinct people, we are descendants of our ancestors who have survived for a millennium, we have our beautiful language that we should use and cherish, we are very close to our surrounding environment, the land and we continue to eat country food traditionally.

With the historical context in the last century, we have endured unimaginable hardships, but we have come a long way and our society is slowly regaining and adapting to today’s modern way of living. This is a challenge especially for our young generation trying to maintain their Inuit identity and culture while at the same time trying to keep up with the modern and technological world. Can you imagine, we’re only 150,000 people and we have survived for thousands of years. ATS PLANNING! Let’s follow the footsteps of our ancestors!

Q: What advice did your parents give you as a teenager?

My parents always told us to respect others, listen to elders, don’t be out late at night, help your parents.

Q: Do you have a special coping mechanism when you face challenges in your life?

When my father was still around, I used to look up to him, and ask his advice. Some days I say “would there was a phone up in Heaven so I can call him”. Today, I could talk to people I trust and ask for their opinion, take time to reflect before making the next move. Some days are tough, but you cannot give up, there’s always a way to find a balanced answer. Things don’t always go your way, don’t give up, being in a leadership position takes a toll on oneself but we have to accept it from the beginning that things don’t fall in place just like that.

Q: If you could give one advice to each youth of the region, what would you say?

Don’t give up!

Enjoy the Water Safely!

Boating is a lot of fun! Wearing your Lifejacket on a boat will make sure you stay safe and stay afloat. SARSmart’s and The Canadian Safe Boating Council have a free Lifejacket for you just for you.

For more information contact Stephanie Rankine, Project Coordinator, at: stephanie@playsafeproductions.com.

Q: If you need information on your account, reach KMHB, we will do our best to help you!
RAISE YOUR VOICE
BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE!
RUN FOR A POSITION ON THE QYC TEAM!

Need to know
2018 GENERAL ELECTIONS COMING SOON!
Nominations open • July 16 - August 10
Campaigning • August 13 – August 28
Voting day • August 29, 2018
For updates visit our facebook page @qarjuit

DO YOU:
☐ Have communication as a strength
☐ want to make a difference in your community
☐ love to learn
If so, run for a position with the qarjuit team!

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS:

PRESIDENT
Full time, 3-year term 70,000.00/year
The president is the voice of the region in terms of youth concerns, priorities and decisions. By attending several meetings and sitting on several committees, the president has many opportunities to make sure youth take part in the discussions.

VICE PRESIDENT
Full time, 2-year term 60,000.00/year
The Vice President shares advocacy and operational tasks in partnership with the President and the rest of the team, in addition to holding several meetings and promoting youth priorities at meetings. The Vice President is the President’s support and is second in line to chair meetings and manage the board of directors.

BOARD POSITIONS:

2 HUDSON COAST MEMBERS
3-year term representing: Chisasibi, Kangiqsualujjuaq, Ung Ritaq, Inukjuak & Puvirnituq
A Director is the voice of the youth from 2 communities and brings feedback to the whole board to make sure QYC represents their interests at the regional level. Beside visiting all 2 communities to meet with the youth, a Director also develop contacts with youth and share them with the initiatives and projects to help get them more involved locally.

1 HUDSON STRAIT MEMBER
2-year term representing: Akulivik, Igloolik, Salluit, Kangiqsualujjuaq & Qaanaaq

INUUVANGA DESIGNS
INTERVIEW WITH FOUNDER DAWN FORREST

What inspired you to create your own designs?
“It started art school in my 20s. I was mostly painting. I guess that’s how I started. I wasn’t sure how to sell paintings and my art. I never had time to paint or do art since I was a mother and a full time employee, I needed to find a balance. My kids inspired me, I wanted them to wear culture related designs.”

What do you like about being an artist?
“I like meeting other artists from around the arctic and the world. I love expressing different elements of our culture. I love my job. It just fell into place.”

What do you dislike about being an artist?
“I don’t know! I don’t like anything, there’s not much I don’t like. But it is very hard to have access to art supplies in the north and there are not enough diverse learning opportunities for local artists.”

What makes you proud to be Inuk?
“There’s so much history. We survived so much when the government tried to erase our culture, we stood our ground and didn’t let it happen.”

What was challenging for you?
“The shipping of merchandise is a challenge as it’s very expensive. We have to boost the prices of our merchandise because the shipping and the cost of art supplies and gear is very expensive.”

What are some of your creative abilities?
“I have experience in drawing, painting, sewing, photography and graphics. I am always looking for different ways to get my designs out there.”

What is your advice for young/aspiring Inuit artists?
“You have to have a drive to do something you love and never give up on something you believe in. There’s always obstacles and you either quit or keep going.”

How would you describe your style?
“Simple yet detailed. I try to highlight things we can relate to as Inuit people, things that surround our communities and things we are proud of.”

What is your advice for young/aspiring Inuit artists?
“Get involved in drawing, painting, sewing, photography and graphics. I am always looking for different ways to get my designs out there.”

How would you describe your brand?
“I want to do more hands on things like jewelry and uluk making and working with different artists. Creating a large group of local artists working on designs as a team.”

Where can we buy your products?
“You can buy Inuvunga designs in person at the Tivi Galleries store in Kuujjuaq. We also sell them online by messaging us through Facebook or Instagram. Inuvunga designs are also available in some local craft shops across Nunavut and I also have my designs at Shell’s art store in Winnipeg art gallery. We hope to grow!”

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HANDMADE INUKTULTUQ
WITH FOUNDER INUUUVANGA DESIGNS
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