



NORTH AMERICAN INTER DISTRICT MEETING NAIDM, INC.

2025 Reflections

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that Zonta is a word appropriated from indigenous people for our own use. We honor indigenous peoples, past, present and emerging here and around the world. We offer our respect to local elders from the lands from which we are utilizing today. These lands are home to the Mississauga, Anishinaabe, Potawatomi, Wyandot and Peoria.

We wish to offer a moment of silence to acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of indigenous peoples where we each live.



A campfire prayer

Oh, Great Spirit, thank you for the campfire's light and warmth. May we be grateful for the fire and all it represents: friendship, knowledge, and service. Guide us to live by the Zonta's code, seek beauty, and pursue knowledge. We pray for strength, happiness, and the ability to serve women and girls in our community.



NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER

Oh, Great Spirit whose voice we hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us. We need your strength and wisdom.

Let us walk in beauty, and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

Make our hands respect the things you have made and our ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make us wise so that we may understand the things you have taught our people.

Help us to remain calm and strong in the face of all that comes toward us.

Let us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Help us seek pure thoughts and act with the intention of helping others.

Help us find compassion without empathy, overwhelming us.

We seek strength, not to be greater than our sisters, but to fight our greatest enemy, ourselves.

Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.

So when life fades, as the fading sunset, our spirit may come to you without shame.

Kindred Spirits

In the presence of kindred spirits, we gather to partake in, not only a meal, but a shared moment. As we look around this table, we are reminded that true wealth lies in the relationships we nurture.

Let us enjoy the laughter that fills the air, the stories that intertwine us, and the support that strengthens us. Let us appreciate the beauty in each connection, the wisdom in every shared word, and the profound impact of these interactions.

This meal isn't just about the nourishment it offers our bodies; it is a celebration of the beautiful connections that make life meaningful.



We Give Thanks

*We give thanks for each new morning light
for rest and shelter of the night
for health and food for love and friends
for everything our goodness sends
for those we help, names known and not
for togetherness in this very spot
May your parting trip be safe and fun
As we serve our mission until it's done*