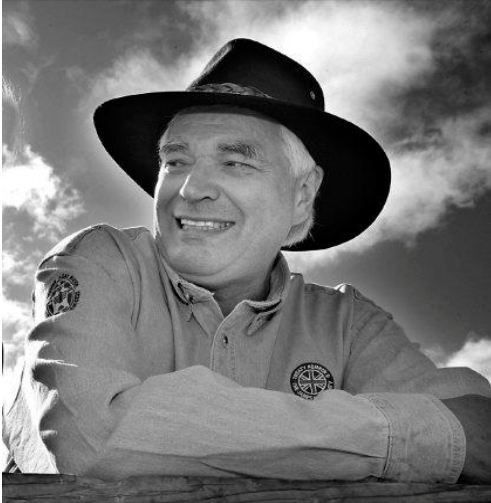


# AN EVENING WITH JAMES BARTLEMAN

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September 24, 2011 7p.m.

**Parkdale United Church**  
429 Gladstone Ave.  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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As part of Parkdale's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, the Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee is proud to host an evening with The Honourable James K. Bartleman. He will be reflecting on "**Canada's Invisible Generation of Native Children**".

Proceeds from the free will offering will be donated to Club Amick, the Young Aboriginal Readers' Program started by James Bartleman in 2006. This program is administered by Southern Ontario Library Service which is a registered charity.

Either cash, or a cheque payable to Southern Ontario Library Service and marked For Club Amick, will be accepted. Receipts will be issued for donations of \$25 or more.

## **The Honourable James K. Bartleman**

The Honourable James K. Bartleman is a member of the Chippewas of Mnjikaning First Nation (Chippewas of Rama). He received his early education in Port Carling and London, attended the University of Western Ontario and was a teacher for three years in the early 1960s. He then joined the Department of External Affairs becoming Canada's first Aboriginal ambassador in a career lasting more than thirty-five years.

From 2002 to 2007, he was 27<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and the first person of Aboriginal decent appointed to this vice-regal position in Ontario. During his term in office, he championed three social justice causes: mental illness stigma; anti-racism and the well-being of First Nation children.

The recipient of twelve honorary doctorates, he holds a National Aboriginal Achievement award, the Phi Delta Kappa educator of the Year Award and the Arthur Kroeger college award for ethics in public policy.

Remembering the importance of books and literacy in helping him emerge from a background of poverty, he established libraries in First Nation communities across Ontario, established summer reading camps in all the fly-in First Nation communities in the province, set up Club Amick, a book club providing free books to children ages five to twelve in the fly-in communities as well as numerous other initiatives to provide sport and music equipment to disadvantaged First Nation youth.

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He is the author of four best-selling works including the prize-winning memoirs "Out of Muskoka" and "Raisin Wine". His other books are "On Six Continents" and "Rollercoaster". Since his retirement as Lieutenant Governor, he has devoted himself to writing a novel, "As Long as the Rivers Flow", on the intergenerational impact of the residential school experience on the current epidemic of youth suicide in northern Ontario.

He is married to Marie-Jeanne Rosillon and has three children, Anne-Pascale, Laurent and Alain as well as two grandchildren, Sebastien and Nicholas.

## Club Amick

Club Amick is a book club for children in Ontario's remote First Nation communities. The objectives of Club Amick are:

- To promote literacy and the love of books among First Nation children;
- To provide continuity, through ongoing support, to participants in the Lieutenant Governor's Summer Literacy Camp program and to other children in the target communities;
- To create awareness of and take steps to address the need for childhood literacy support in remote First Nation communities; and
- To promote awareness across Ontario about the importance of childhood literacy.

The program is managed by the staff of Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service-North who send new books to over 4,000 children in kindergarten to grade six. Four times a year, the children receive a new book and a copy of the Club Amick newsletter. A family with several school-aged children will have a growing home library of new, good quality books that their children have received from the many titles purchased for the program. There are contests and activities throughout the school year, including author visits, to promote the program and reinforce reading.

The Government of Ontario is the lead funder, and the program has received a multi-year grant from the Ontario Trillium foundation. Over 270 individuals and organizations have provided donations and the program also has the support of several businesses that have made in-kind contributions. Additional information is available on the Southern Ontario Library Service website at [www.sols.org](http://www.sols.org).

**Following the presentation, refreshments will be served in Memorial Hall and there will be an opportunity to speak to The Honourable James K. Bartleman.**