



CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS ANNUAL SPRING EQUINOX GATHERING - MARCH 24, 2018 - This is just a snapshot REPORT on our Welcome to Spring event. We were not able to secure our usual meeting place so decided to acknowledge it at home. GWC had 'sent' wild meat for the 'banquet' as he liked to call meals with friends, via my hairstylist Brenda McCrae!; our friend Paula Nicholas in NB consulted with three Grandmothers and thus in the end five of us collaborated on the special recipe. It was a two part event: an afternoon conversation: Perspectives on Education, in views of our completion of the thesis entitled "*Ginawadaganuc and Circle of All Nations: The Remarkable Environmental Legacy of Elder William Commanda*"; and evening socialization and supper. We had wide ranging conversation with guests from Mass - Martin Brown talking about GWC's influence and the decade later establishment of his nature based school; Jim Farnham with invitation to the 8th Fires Gathering, annual spiritual gathering inspired by GWC and CAN gatherings; a report on the Auroville 50th Anniversary activities in India (inclusive of Stephane Lefebvre's Auroville Canada) workshop on GWC, who, in any case was already a part of the acknowledgment with his Millennium Peace Message being circulated there again. Cliff and Savvas raised justice issues! Thanks to Karen Bisson's persistence, we have **CAN Teeshirts** again - 20 years after our Lighting Candles for Peace Event at Darcy McGee. with the Wolf Project. The logo contributed to the framework of the GWC thesis and is indeed a teaching tool! Do you have yours?! Likewise, we discussed **Learning From a Kindergarten Dropout** - Carolyn Andison has memorized it I am sure! From Grassroots to Academy, we are strengthening bridge building in knowledge generation, as Grandfather Commanda hoped and prayed we would! GWC Photo from Appointment as Officer of the Order of Canada Moment!

