Wolf Day 2014 Minnesota State Capitol: Rotunda Rally 3-4 PM



3:00 pm: Maureen Hackett, MD: Founder Howling For Wolves: Introductions and Master of Ceremony.

A greeting and brief media presentation from Jane Goodall, UN Messenger of Peace will start today's rally. Each speaker will be introduced immediately before they speak. See full biographies on the backside of this page. The Line Up:



3:05 pm: Michael W. Fox, BVetMEd, PhD, DSc, MRCVS



3:16 pm: Robert DesJarlait



3:27 pm: Senator Chris A. Eaton, District 40, (DFL) Majority Whip



3:31 pm: Barry Babcock



3:42 pm: Clint Carroll, B.A. PhD



3:53 pm: Representative Jason Isaacson, District 42B, (DFL) Shoreview, Assistant Majority Leader

Speakers' Bios: Wolf Day 2014 Minnesota State Capitol, February 27, 2014

Maureen Hackett, MD is the Founder and President of Howling For Wolves, a wolf advocacy organization focused on protecting Minnesota's wild wolves. She is a physician specializing in Forensic Psychiatry and has served as an officer in the US Air Force. Dr. Hackett is an adjunct associate professor at the University of Minnesota and she treats patients at a major medical center in Minneapolis. She provided medical service in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina in Louisiana in 2005 and again in 2010 during the Gulf oil spill. Her passion for wildlife and ecology drives her to take action. Minnesota's wildlife captured her heart during an expedition style sled-dog trip in the BWCA. The journey included wolf tracks and wolf howls.

Michael W. Fox BVetMed, PhD, DSc, MRCVS is a veterinarian Honor Roll member of the American Veterinary Medical Association with doctoral degrees in veterinary medicine and ethology/animal behavior. He is a syndicated newspaper columnist, (website www.drfoxvet.com), bioethicist, and was one of the earlier wolf researchers and conservationists helping put the wolf on the Endangered Species list in the 1970s. Of his over 40 books, "The Soul of the Wolf" is one of his most heart-felt writings, sharing experiences raising and living with wolves during his tenure as a professor at Washington University in St Louis where he was a co-founder of the Wild Canid Survival and Research Center with Marlin and Carol Perkins.

Chris Eaton is MN Senator for District 40, (DFL) and a Majority Whip. She is a registered nurse and a member of the Minnesota Nurses Association. She has been Director of Health Services at Mental Health Resources since 2009, and previously worked as a nurse at Ramsey County Mental Health Initiative from 1998 to 2008, and as a nurse and human services tech at Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center from 1991 to 1998. She won a special election to Minnesota Senate on October 18, 2011, held to fill a vacancy that arose upon the death of long-time Senator Linda Scheid on June 15, 2011. Following redistricting Eaton was placed in District 40. She ran opposed in 2012 and was re-elected.

Clint Carroll B.A., PhD. is an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation and is Assistant Professor of American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. He holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Science, Policy and Management from the University of California-Berkeley and a B.A. in Anthropology and American Indian Studies from the University of Arizona. Professor Carroll's work with his tribal community in northeastern Oklahoma addresses issues of tribal environmental governance and the revitalization of traditional ecological knowledge and practices. At UMN, he teaches courses on ecological perspectives, environmental policy, and natural resource management in Indian Country.

Barry Babcock is a lifelong Minnesota Resident who lives in Northern Minnesota near Walker, MN. For the last 25 years he has worked as a logger, owned and operated a small "Ma & Pa" motel in northern MN. For the last ten years Barry has lived off the grid in a remote location just outside of Chippewa National Forest. His life is spent hunting, canoeing, living a semi-subsistence life style by depending on nature's storehouse; maple sugar, wild rice, deer meat, gardening, and anything else that the land provides in a sustainable manner. He is a bow and rifle hunter of whitetails for a half century and Barry regards the wolf as a friend and neighbor.

Robert DesJarlait is Director of Protect Our Manoomin, a grassroots Anishinaabe organization involved with environmental issues. He is from the Red Lake Anishinaabe Nation and currently lives at Waukon, Minnesota. He says: "My perspective on environmental issues is based on Anishinaabe teachings and principals, and that we are all connected – to the Earth, plants, and wildlife."

Jason Isaacson is MN House Representative for District 42B (DFL) Shoreview and Assistant Majority Leader. He attended North Dakota State University, graduating with a B.S. and later a M.A. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Minnesota. Isaacson was first elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2012.