



Ruth Nicholson, UEL event Chairperson, Don Monture, Grand River Six Nations and Zig Misiak. (submitted photo)

Loyalists donate \$5,000 to Woodland Centre

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The United Empire Loyalists moved north of the Great Lakes as a result

of the American Revolution. They, as did the Haudenosaunee/Six Nations,

were forced into a mass exodus due to their loyalty to England. The

Grand River Valley was only one area settled by the Haudenosaunee. The

'Loyalists' were friends, neighbours and allies with the various Six

Nations people for many decades in and around the Finger Lakes region in what is now called New

York State.

This year, at the National United Empire Loyalist Conference, Don

Monture, from the Grand River Six Nations and Brantford author Zig Misiak were invited to attend. Misiak was a guest speaker.

Monture was there to accept a specially made wampum belt reaffirming the centuries old relationship with the Six Nations.

The UEL also gifted the Woodland Cultural Center with \$5000.00 in cash

to go towards educating the youth and other cultural programs.