

Six Nations celebrates historic ties to "Crown" with

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This year's Bread and Cheese Day celebrations saw some of the largest crowds ever, with thousands of people packing the Gaylord Powless Arena on Monday to receive their annual helping of fresh bakery bread and zesty chunks of cheddar cheese.

Like a well-oiled machine, about 80 community volunteers handed out around \$25,000 worth of bread and cheese (2,500 loaves of bread and 3,000 pounds of cheese) Monday.

Six Nations Elected Chief Ava Hill said it was one of the largest Bread and Cheese Day crowds she had ever seen.

"It's the biggest we've ever seen it."

The annual event stems



Thousands lined up for the annual Bread and Cheese giveaway at Six Nations on Victoria Day Monday after over 80 volunteers spent hours cutting the blocks of cheese and loaves of bread in preparation for the giveaway that is drawing people from all over southern Ontario, New York and Quebec. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

from the tradition of Queen Victoria giving gifts to the Six Nations community for their allegiance to the British

Crown during the American Revolution and War of 1812.

"It's significant in that our relationship is still

with the Crown," said Hill. "It's a gift from the Crown and we continue to celebrate it every year."



Six Nations Elected Chief Ava Hill and Dave Lavac, Ontario Liberal candidate for Brant riding ham it up during Monday's Bread and Cheese celebrations. (Photos by Jim C Powless)

Thousands came from near and far, with some Six Nations members even trekking up from New York State, Quebec,

Northern Ontario and surrounding towns of Brantford, Hagersville, Caledonia and Hamilton. (Continued on page 3)