

***Journey of the Book* –**

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**What an exciting and whirlwind time that has brought us to this debut newsletter. From a thought that has been held in my heart for over 40 years while raising our family and growing a nursing career, to a few more years of putting words on paper, a steep learning curve about publishing and marketing, to galley proofs that arrived in September 2018 while we were travelling. Suddenly, like a premature baby, the book was ready a year ahead of schedule in late November 2018! We opted for a “soft launch” over the holidays, and ordered our first batch of books, which arrived over 3 days. The boxes inundated our driveway and porch, like Harry Potter’s Hogwarts letters.**

**Then the real work began –selling all those books plus more – shameless promotion, relentless phone calls & emails to network and plan book talks. I’ve been working with local libraries, churches, cafes, book fairs and senior communities so far. Encouraging feedback and even some fan mail keep the spirits up. Please let me know if you’re interested in a book event in your area, and we’ll try to make that happen.**

**Two main goals drive these efforts: First, to spread the word about the ongoing health care crisis in Rosebud; Second, to earn or collect enough money for a scholarship at Rosebud’s Sinte Gleska University (**[**http://www.sintegleska.edu/**](http://www.sintegleska.edu/)**), which could have a positive impact on Rosebud’s education, employment**



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**and hospital staffing. All of my book profits go toward this goal. With my first annual royalty check we’re getting closer to breaking even, after paying up front for the books and some start-up expenses.**

**The Book Launch Party guests on March 24th at Kentlands Manor enjoyed tasting Native - themed foods based on some recipes from the Sioux Chef’s Indigenous Kitchen by Sean Sherman, a recent recipient of the James Beard 2018 award) (**[**http://sioux-chef.com/**](http://sioux-chef.com/)**). A few guests were also inspired to buy books to send to Congressional Representatives, so I added a sample template letter to my website** [**https://www.rosebudbook.com/**](https://www.rosebudbook.com/) **under the “Partners” tab.**

**A week later, my husband Tom and I took off for our first book tour in CT and MA. We filled two weeks of speaking at universities, libraries, bookstores, dinners, a Victorian Storyteller’s Cottage & the Institute for American Indian Studies (**[**https://www.iaismuseum.org/**](https://www.iaismuseum.org/)**). I was delighted that Judy Niederwerfer Kelly, my original Rosebuddy could join me at the UConn School of Nursing and our hometown libraries in CT. I was honored later to be invited to the Mohawk Valley NY Nurses Association to speak for Nurses’ Week with Judy. Dr. Steve Tosi shared his wonderful Rosebud slides and stories during our talks at the UMass Medical School and book stores in the Worcester area. Events and photos are posted on my website. Many thanks to all who housed us and to those who helped us to set up events. We reconnected with family and friends, and travelled through the twilight zone of memory lanes from 40 years ago, sowing seeds and hopefully starting some ripples of interest…**

***In the News*** --

**US Dept of Education begins investigation into discrimination against Native students in Montana (**[**https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/04/us/politics/native-american-education.html**](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/04/us/politics/native-american-education.html) **)**

***Rosebud Now --***

**Rosebud and Pine Ridge were among the victims of severe Bomb Cyclone blizzards with temperatures as low as minus 50 degrees, followed by heavy spring flooding. They are still dealing with the aftermath and clean-up, and have been seeking disaster aid (**[**https://theintercept.com/2019/04/05/keystone-xl-pipeline-pine-ridge-floods/**](https://theintercept.com/2019/04/05/keystone-xl-pipeline-pine-ridge-floods/) **).**

**Lakota Youth Development (**[**https://www.lakotayouthdevelopment.org/**](https://www.lakotayouthdevelopment.org/)**) lost all their bees in the severe weather for the Honey Lodge project and are in the process of rebuilding so they can sell honey and products again this season.**

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**A recent article in the May 19, 2019 edition of the *Washington Post Magazine* describes Native American issues for Presidential candidates to address, including interviews with Rosebud residents** [**https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/magazine/wp/2019/05/13/feature/what-do-native-americans-want-from-a-president/?utm\_term=.fb6679aff6d3**](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/magazine/wp/2019/05/13/feature/what-do-native-americans-want-from-a-president/?utm_term=.fb6679aff6d3)**.**

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**Montana addressed justice for missing and murdered Indigenous women with the recently passed Hanna’s Act state law (**[**https://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/mmiw/hanna-s-act-signed-into-law/article\_86660a31-49b3-565d-90c3-b92482b073fa.html**](https://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/mmiw/hanna-s-act-signed-into-law/article_86660a31-49b3-565d-90c3-b92482b073fa.html) **).**

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