



Patricia Day, Board Member - Turtle Clan, Oneida Nation has come full circle as a survivor of “ the Sixties Scoop”. Adopted at age seven to a non- native family and despite much hardship, by her late thirties she was able to reunite with her birth family.

She learned about her Haudenosaunee/ People of the Longhouse Woodland culture, studied the language and has earned a Masters of Education Degree with a focus on Indigenous Curriculum Development. She taught Primary/Junior students full time at Standing Stone School in her home community for a number of years, attended traditional ceremonies and reacquainted with her extended Oneida family.

Patsy has worked with the Thames Valley District School Board in the Visiting Elders Program over ten years and gives presentations and workshops throughout Southwestern Ontario whenever she is invited to do so. She also has been contracted to work with the Huron Perth District Catholic School Board as well as Avon Maitland. These assignments have allowed her to teach at nearly all Elementary and Secondary schools in the catchment area.

Feedback from teachers and students relates to Patsy's positive outlook and a desire for uplifting others. She is proud of the activism shown by her family members in advancing the status of Indigenous Women and feels a duty to do what she can in the efforts of this generation as well as the next ones.