

# Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

## Newsletter

February, 2012



### Council News.

At the January “annual” meeting, reports covering 2011, were read and accepted. There was much discussion on upcoming events and many ideas for the future.

We have received an application from Bianca, which will be read at this month’s meeting.

On Jan 14 we attended & drummed at Dighton Council’s dinner/dance social. As always there was a lot of jokes & pokes at and from the members of Little Brother Drum. Also Little Bear Paw sat at the drum for the first time with a beater in hand. To add to the fun, January was birthday month to Hollie and Little Bear Paw, so we played the Happy Birthday Crow Hop and they danced to celebrate. It was also the anniversary of Little Brother Drum. So in turn we played the Happy Anniversary Crow Hop and the drum members celebrated in dance. Good people, good time.

**\*\*Spotlight > upcoming event ----->**

Invitations have been sent out to vendors and artisans who have joined us at past events, but there is always room for new talent. If you know of any artisan/vendor who might be interested, feel free to let them know about our event.

For those who might be interested, Bob has offered to hold another class on making hand-drums. If you’d like to make a drum, let me know so we can make arrangements. Also, an idea was presented that maybe council members, who are interested, could make hand-drums that could be sold at our March PW.

If you know of a member, or friend of this Council, who is sick or in the hospital, please let us know ASAP.

**\*\*See you at the next meeting: Sunday Feb 5**

*Yes, we realize its Super Bowl Sunday, but the meeting should be completed well before kickoff.*

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### *5th Annual Indoor Pow-Wow*



**Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 – 5:00

**Knights of Columbus Hall  
7 Valley Road, Middletown RI**

Drumming, Dancing, Flute music,  
Storytelling and more.

Native American (and some not-so-native) items for sale  
Refreshments available

Drums: The Soaring Eagle Singers &  
Turtle Moon

Flute Player: Scott Shuffitt  
Storyteller: Granite Stone Face

Admission: 1 can or box of non-perishable  
food to help feed the Elders.

Proceeds to help support St Joseph’s Indian  
School and The Aquidneck Island Intertribal  
Indian Council charities

Native entertainers, Artisans, Crafters & Vendors  
Welcome.

For directions, information or to show your wares  
Contact the Council Secretary  
@ 401-683-4589



On the lighter side:



## *Spiritually Speaking*

"In the absence of the sacred, nothing is sacred, everything is for sale."

*--Oren Lyons, Onondaga*

The Elders often say that when something is sacred it has spiritual value. You'll hear, on the Earth there are sacred spots. You'll hear, our ceremonies are sacred, our children are sacred, marriage is sacred. When something is sacred it means it's so holy you can't attach a value to it. Therefore, it's not for sale. It's an insult to suggest buying something sacred. On the other hand, if we look at it differently, as there is no sacred land, ceremonies are not sacred, our children are not sacred, etc., then everything is for sale. Sacredness creates spiritual space. Sacredness makes things holy. Sacredness shows respect for God.

Great Spirit, let me honor things that are sacred.



"What does it matter how long I pray, so long as my prayers are answered?"

*--Sitting Bull, LAKOTA*

Too often we worry about the words we use in prayer. We focus on the words. What really counts is the spirit and intent behind our words. It is the spirit and intent that the Creator responds to. He reads and listens to our heart. Prayer isn't only when we fold our hands and pray. Prayer is when we talk to the Creator even when we are walking down a path or sitting on a hill or walking in the mountains. The Elders say, walk in prayer. We should be willing to talk with the Great One.

Great Spirit, today I will pray to You all day. Listen to my heart.

## Upcoming Events:

Sat Feb 11<sup>th</sup>

Dighton Council: Social, Pot Luck & Dancing  
Council Oak Hall, 1111 Somerset Ave, Rte 138, Dighton, MA  
5:00 – 9:00  
508-880-6887

Sun Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

Topic Pow-wow  
Taunton Armory:  
111 Honorable Gordon Owen Blvd, Taunton, MA  
\$3 admission (no charge for dancers in regalia)

Sat March 17<sup>th</sup>

Dighton Council: Snow Crust Moon PW  
Taunton Armory:  
111 Honorable Gordon Owen Blvd, Taunton, MA  
508-880-6887

***Succotash:*** An Indian word meaning dish that contains corn and beans. New England style succotash usually contains meat & fowl. Corned beef & chicken are popular, as is wild turkey.

True succotash is a big difference from the canned corn & lima beans found in supermarket.

### Ingredients:

4 cups baked beans  
1 can whole kernel corn  
1 can lima beans  
3 cooked potatoes cut up  
½ lb corned beef, cooked  
½ lb chicken, cooked  
1 can stewed tomatoes (optional)  
salt & pepper to taste

Put all ingredients in dutch oven or large skillet. Include all liquids from canned ingredients. Cut meat into bite sized pieces. You can substitute any precooked meats such as leftover pork, stew meat, steak or sausage. Cook over medium heat for 10 – 12 minutes. Serves 4 – 6.

Freeze or refrigerate leftovers. Taste great 2<sup>nd</sup> time around.



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for the lasting benefit of our community.



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## Next meeting:



Sunday Feb 5, 1:00

@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth

*Guests Always Welcome*

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## St Joseph's Indian School

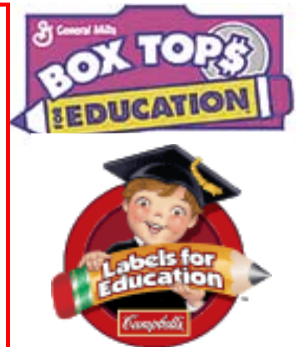
### Constant Needs:

- Men's deodorant
- Hair gel
- Little girls full slippers in sizes 8-14
- Children's robes
- Dish cloths
- School supplies
- Boys Boxers (all sizes)
- Bath towels
- Running shoes - men's & women's sizes
- Children's tennis shoes (sizes 1-4)
- Men's T-shirts (all sizes)
- Chewable vitamins
- Twin, extra long twin & queen comforters/spreads

### Remember to save:

“General Mills” + “Betty Crocker” products box tops.  
&  
“Campbell’s” labels UPC codes.

For St Joseph's Indian School  
(see *Dreams of Wolves* for a detailed list)



### Inspirational:

"Everyone has a song. God gives us each a song. That's how we know who we are. Our song tells us who we are."  
--Charlie Knight, UTE

### From 3 Horses:

Does everyone remember the legendary question, “*Did you ever wonder why*” (Andy Rooney, CBS News)? Do you sometimes ponder this question yourself? Why do I want to know Native history or culture? Why do I go to Native functions or events? Why do I go to Native ceremonies? Why do I want to be around a Native drum? Do you ever think it's because you feel the connection to your ancestors and more especially to Wakan Tanka, the Great Spirit Himself?

The drum, the gatherings, the songs, the ceremonies; all bring us closer to the connectedness with the Ancient One Above. Our Council is not only a teaching council, but a spiritual driven circle of family and friends. If you haven't been to a Council meeting or function lately, you're missing that special something. Did you ever wonder why things may at times seem distant or difficult? Sit and talk with Creator, let him read your heart. Make your heart a sacred place. May we always meet, act, part and walk in a sacred manner. A-ho!

See you along the Good Red Road. *Peace*.....



*3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves*

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