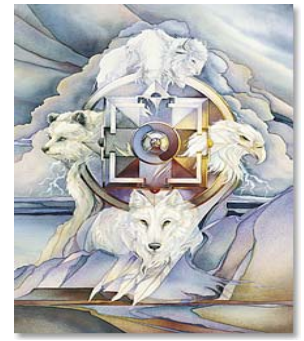


# Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

(est. Oct. 14, 2007)

## Newsletter

February 2014



### Council News

At Last month's meeting we discussed last year's (2013) events, and plans for this year, ie; arts & crafts nights, education nights, family fun nights and the Council's focus, direction and/or goals for 2014. We also received individual thank you gifts from St Joseph's Indian School for our Council's generous Christmas gift donations.

On Sat Jan 11 we held our 3rd Social at Sandywoods Farm. It was a fun time for all. We thank Eagle Sings and Eastern Medicine for drumming and singing with us. And we thank Carole Blodgett for her children's teachings. Good food, good fun, lots of people and a big amount of raffle items. Hope to see all our friends at the next Social on Feb 8th.

Also on Jan 11, I was honored to be able to bestow the name Rock Thrower to our brother John. Being that it was conducted during our Social, there were so many people in attendance. Needless to say we had to forgo the part of the ceremony where his guide was to take him around and introduce him, with his new name, to all in attendance. If we had followed that protocol, we would have never gotten to drum...

\*On Sat Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 5:00 we will be hosting our last “Winter Potluck Lunch and Dance Social Gathering”, for this year, at Sandywoods Farm in Tiverton. (See flyer for info). Eagle Sings and maybe Eastern Medicine will be joining us in drumming, and the floor is open to dance and to enjoy yourselves. If there are any Native entertainers who would like to join us, please contact us. There is no admission fee, we just ask that you please bring a dish to share and come join us for a fun filled afternoon.

Drum practices have been every Thursday at 6:00. If anyone wishes to come and join us at the drum, or even just to enjoy the friendship, the door is always open..

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 2**

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## Winter Potluck - Lunch, Dance & Social Gathering

Sat Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 5:00  
@ Sandywoods Farm,  
43 Muse Way, Tiverton, RI

Food, Raffles, Dancing  
and afternoon fun.

Free and open to the public - all are  
welcome.



Please bring something to share.  
(Coffee, water & soda will be provided by the Council)

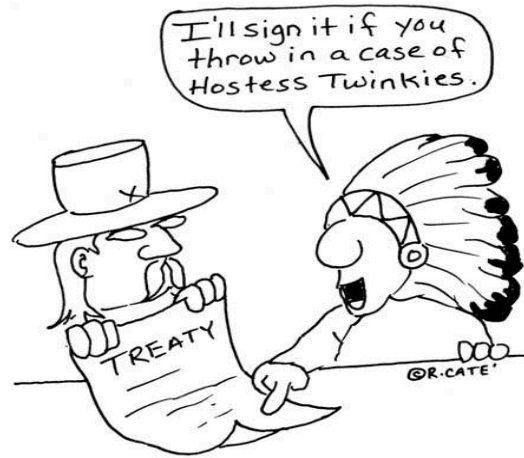
Drumming by: the Soaring Eagle Singers  
and Eagle Sings

All Native entertainers welcome.

**\*\*This is an Alcohol & Drug Free Event\*\***

For info: 401-683-4589

On the lighter side:



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### *Spiritually Speaking*

What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime. It is the little shadow which runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset.

*Crowfoot, Blackfoot*



Strength is not the only thing we must have in the world, and, in a man or Nation, it is of little use without wisdom.

*Chacopee, Yankton Sioux*

The people were put upon this world to learn of themselves and of their brothers and sisters. We are these people. We are the fallen star. Our laws of men change with our understanding of them. Only the laws of the Spirit remain the same.

*White Wolf, Crow*

In every human heart there is a deep spiritual hunger for an abiding belief in some future existence. Such a faith stabilizes character, and many of our young people have no such anchor for their souls.

*Wildcat Alford, Shawnee*

My people were wise. They never neglected the young or failed to keep before them deeds done by illustrious men of the tribe. Our teachers were willing and thorough. They were our grandfathers, fathers or uncles. All were quick to praise excellence without speaking a word that might break the spirit of a boy who might be less capable than others. The boy who failed at any lesson got only more lessons, more care, until he was as far as he could go.

*Chief Plenty Coups, Crow*

## Upcoming Events:

Sun Feb 2

Aquidneck Indian Council's Monthly Meeting  
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI  
1:00 - ? 401-683-4589

Sat Feb 8

Aquidneck Indian Council  
Winter Potluck Lunch & Dance Social  
Sandywoods Farm, 43 Muse Way, Tiverton RI  
12:00 - 5:00 401-683-4589

Sat Mar 1

Winter Walk  
Melville Park Recreational Area  
Off Bradford Ave & Sullivan Drive, Portsmouth RI  
1:00 - 3:00 401-683-4589

Sat March 22

Aquidneck Indian Council  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Indoor Pow-wow  
KofC Hall, 7 Valley Rd, Middletown RI  
9:00 - 5:00 401-683-4589

\*\* Above is not a complete list of all events happening in our area, just a highlight. For a full list of Native happenings, check the pow-wow schedule on the Wandering Bull's website.

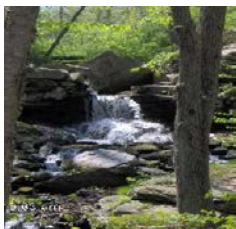
If any doubt, call before you head out to an event to verify location and dates/times.

## **Melville Park Winter Walk**

**Saturday, March 1, 2014, 1 - 3 PM**

Join us and get to know this beautiful preserve with its wooded paths, ponds, streams, waterfall & wildlife.

It's All FREE



**1.75 km Walk** - The first 50 participants to register and successfully complete each stage of 1.75 km walk will receive commemorative medallion with ribbon.

**Guided walk** - Learn interesting history about the park. (Park has unimproved natural walking paths.)

**Free Refreshments** - Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Snacks

**Native Music:** Aquidneck Indian Council's, Soaring Eagle Singers

**Location:** - Melville Park is just off of West Main Rd. (Rt 114). Take Bradford Ave (at Melville School) to Smith Road, turn right just beyond the Melville Campground

Follow signs to registration, guide and refreshments (same day registration only)

Website for more information: [www.melvilleponds.org](http://www.melvilleponds.org)

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[www.OnisetWigwam.com](http://www.OnisetWigwam.com)

Mondays: Unfoldment Classes with Sharon Ferraro

Tuesdays: Healing Share

Thursdays: Gallery Nights

or

## *First Spiritualist Church of Brockton*

243 Winthrop St. Rehoboth, MA (Grange Bldg. Rte 118 & 44)

Sunday Services: June thru August - 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Sept. thru May - 10:00 AM to 11:30 with fellowship to follow.

Check out their FB page: First Spiritualist Church of Brockton

For info on either the Wig Wam or Church of Brockton,

Contact: Rev Patti Craig

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## Editorial:

### Unexpected Emotions

by Raven Speak (*Robin Riley*)



Most people look forward to falling in love. But there are times when that won't make you happy. Especially when you're unprepared for that breath to be stolen from you and you actually can't do anything about it.

Sometimes making connections becomes scary, and you feel the need to protect yourself instead of reaching out with an open heart. I see many people who have trouble connecting with others, making enjoyable friendships, and have struggles with family members, so they experience relationships of all types as difficult and painful.

No matter how well prepared you are, every new relationship will be unique. Some will obviously be better than others. Some might become just a friendship because your life was crossed at times when you both had road blocks. The whole point of meeting new people is to get to know them and let them discover you. Since everyone you meet will be a unique individual, there's no way to be completely prepared for what will happen. Every new relationship is a surprise and a mystery. If you are prepared to learn and to be surprised, seeking to control only your own responses, and prepared to make realistic plans and decisions, you'll enjoy most of the experience. Caring means venturing into the unknown, exploring and learning, so enjoy the adventure, and you'll get the best results. But just remember you need to be patient with what creator gifts you on your path.

If you are an adult, you have a lot of life experience, sometimes called baggage. Some of your experience will be helpful, and some will be problematic. If you take the time to examine your history and experience, you'll find you've learned a lot, and when you learn from a loss or a mistake, you grow your emotional repertoire, and I feel it's how we grow our souls.

So I guess what I'm trying to say to you is; because each person that fate gifted, to come into your life is always going to be a new experience, a lesson of life. Or even just a message to allow you to open your eyes and heart, and most of all just maybe you were meant to meet because you are soul mates. There is no way to control what will happen, or how the other person will act or respond. However, you are always in control of your own actions and responses, and that can make a vast difference in how your friendships and relationships progress. If you keep in mind that YOU get to choose what you say and do, you'll have better results.

## Next meeting:



Sunday Feb 2, 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” products labels.

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



### Inspirational:

The smarter a man is, the more he needs God to protect him from thinking he knows everything.

*George Webb, Pima*

### From 3 Horses:

Wow Feb already, seems like we were just celebrating Christmas. The months are going by too fast. There are always things to be done. We sometimes look so far ahead, we don't see the now. I will admit that it happens a lot more than we'd like to think. We all look forward to spring, we don't look forward to winter. But, we need winter to perform its part in the circle of life, the changing of seasons. Things must die, or fade away, to be reborn or rejuvenated in the spring. So, yes it may seem cold and blah, but it is needed.

As we look ahead, do not forget the now, nor the past. We learn from the past. We live in the now. *“Creator, Great One Above; may we all enjoy all the days you lay before us. May we use them and never waste them. Grant us many more days here upon Mother”.*

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



*3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves*

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