

Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

Newsletter

June, 2012



Council News.

At our last meeting there were 4 applications read for membership. We have met with these new applicants on several occasions. Hopefully we will be voting on them at our next meeting. Come out and meet Eileen, Leilani, Scott and Anastasia. Also there have been more guests attending drum practices and meetings. Come and get to know them - Phil, Georgia Rick, Karen and Wayne.

We have been asked to drum at the Red Road pow wow, in Dighton, on June 16 & 17. We are still discussing if we can play both days. Last year my voice gave out on the Sunday. I was happy when 2 Bears, Blue Eagle, Singing Spirit and others showed up and took leads on the songs. {More to come on that request}

After this month's meeting, depending on the weather, we will be having a cook-out social. We can bring out the drum, eat, dance and have a good time. Come to the meeting, stay for the fun and friendship. Feel free to bring a guest or two.

June will be our last official meeting until September. For those of you who do not know, we do not meet in July & August. These are the months when everyone plans their vacations as well as pow-wow season. Any/all members will be kept apprised of Council happenings via phone or emails.

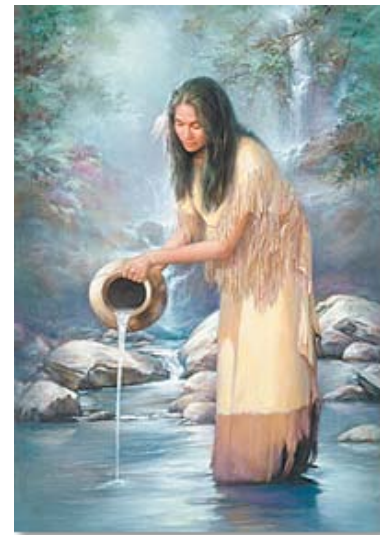
Lately we have been holding drum practice every Thurs night. If anyone is interested in attending, feel free. The drum circle is always open to those who want to gather and either listen, dance or join in. I try to invite everyone via email, but sometimes it may not materialize until you read it in the newsletter. The spirit in the drum calls out to all, that wish to listen and gather around her.

If you know of any 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 June 3***

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Gifts of the Spirit

Through fellowship with the Great Spirit, we come to desire spiritual gifts as well as material necessities. Experience shows us that serenity is priceless and something to be desired. Courage, wisdom, faith, hope, love, humility - these are all spiritual gifts which come to us from the Creator as we abstain and work to get nearer to Him.

As we receive these gifts of the spirit, we are able to share them with others. Giving them away to our families and friends ensures that we will receive them more abundantly ourselves. We come to realize that a small gift of time and attention can mean more than an expensive material present.

The Creator's gifts are available to us whenever we are open to receive them. By abstaining, we make our spirits ready to accept their rightful gifts.

I pray that I may be ready to accept Your spiritual gifts.

On the lighter side:



"It Blundering Bear! Him say,
'Call fire department!'"



Spiritually Speaking

A world of the Spirit.

We have entered the world of the Spirit. Our next function is to grow in understanding and effectiveness.

This is not an overnight matter. It should continue for our lifetime. The word "entered" . . . and the phrase "entered into the world of the Spirit" are very significant. They imply action, a beginning, getting into, a prerequisite to maintaining my spiritual growth, the "Spirit" being the immaterial part of me. Barriers to my spiritual growth are self-centeredness and a materialistic focus on worldly things.

Spirituality means devotion to spiritual rather than worldly things, it means obedience to the Creator's will for me. I understand spiritual things to be: unconditional love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control and humility. Any time I allow selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear to be a part of me, it will block out spiritual things. Growing spiritually becomes a lifelong process.

My goal is spiritual growth, accepting that I'll never have spiritual perfection.



Only the Great Spirit knows the right time:

We say there is a right time and place for everything. It's easy to say, but hard to understand. You have to live it to understand it.

Our Elders tell us there is a right time and a right place. Don't plant seeds in the fall - wrong time. One way we find out about the right time and right place is our experience. If we are lucky, we have a few friends who will share their experience; this will help us too. The best way is to let the Great Spirit guide us. Only the Great Spirit knows the right time and the right place. So we need to pray and ask for guidance.

I ask the Great Spirit - show me patience so I can live in the right time and right place.

Upcoming Events:

June 9-10

Wollomonuppoag Indian Council:
38th Annual Pow-wow, La Salette Shrine Fairgrounds,
Rte 118, Attleboro, MA
508-384-2704

June 16-17

Red Road
10th Annual Native American Sobriety Pow-wow
1111 Somerset Ave, Rte 138, Dighton, MA
508-880-6887

July 21-22

Rhode Island Indian Council: Pow-wow,
Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI
401-781-1098

July 28 -29

77th Annual Pow Wow, Honoring the Memory of Chief
Big Horn, American Indian Federation, Inc.
1 Indian Street, North Kingstown, RI 02852
401-737-2279

Sept 1-2

Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe: 16th Annual Pow-wow,
Redway Plains, Rte 44, Rehoboth, MA
401-723-1563

** Reminder, these are projected event dates and places.
If not sure, check with the hosts at provided contact
numbers before heading out.

Did you know:

“Arkansas” means “land of the south
wind people” in Sioux.

“Oklahoma” is Choctaw for “Red Men”.

“Ohio” is Iroquois for “fine (or good)
river”.

A “Roadman” is a peyote holy man of
the Native American church.

A Croatan (or a Cro) is a person of
mixed Indian, white and black ancestry.

More than 8,000 American Indians
served in WWI, 25,000 in WWII, 41,000 in
Vietnam and 24,000 in Desert Storm.

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Next meeting:



Sunday June 3, 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:

"The manner with which we walk through life is each man's most important responsibility, and we should remember this with every new sunrise."

--Thomas Yellowtail, CROW

From 3 Horses:

Summer is upon us. There are many things to plan, many things to do. We all have our own lives, but it is always good when we, as a “*Tiyosopae*” (extended family), can get together and socialize. After the meeting, please plan to stay and enjoy the company of your family members and enjoy a cook-out. Maybe some drumming and dancing?

Even though everybody makes plans for the summer months, if agreed upon, we can continue drum practice on Thursday nights. This Council was united and formed around the drum. The spirit inside that drum calls us to be with her. It doesn't matter whether you can sing, or if you don't have perfect rhythm. If you enjoy the fun & friendship and the healing of the drum – come to practice. “*Mother I hear you under my feet, Mother I hear your heartbeat. Mother I feel you under my feet, Mother I feel your heartbeat*”.

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



3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves

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