

Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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Newsletter

June 2013



Council News

At last month's meeting Isaiah had been accepted as our newest family member. We are happy to have another young buck in our family, less work for us older guys... ha-ha, only teasing our young brother, welcome to the family.

At this month's meeting we have applications to be read for the 2nd time for Ron & Laurie. So come to the meeting and get to know our newest family members.

Also at this month's meeting, we will talk about any/all upcoming events, whether our own, or those we've been invited to.

As a reminder, in accordance with our by-laws, this is the last regular meeting till Sept. There will be a lot going on in July & August. I will keep all concerned, apprised of upcoming events, by email or phone.

Also, if the weather is with us, we should be conducting the June meeting outside, with a pot-luck social and cookout to follow. So hope for good weather and plan on sticking around after the meeting to eat & socialize.

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

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 June 2**

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Portsmouth 375th Anniversary Pow-Wow & Celebration

Saturday & Sunday July 27 & 28

10:00 – 5:00

{Grand Entry @ noon both days}

Glen Park – 4H Fair Grounds

Glen Road, Portsmouth RI

{Just off Rte 138 East Main Rd}

Drumming, Dancing, Flute music,
Storytelling and more.

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

Drums: *The Soaring Eagle Singers,
Eagle Sings & Eastern Medicine*

Refreshments available:
Then & Now Native Foods

Free Admission

****This is a drug free and alcohol free event****

For directions or information: Contact the
Aquidneck Indian Council Secretary
@ 401-683-4589 or
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On the lighter side:



Spiritually Speaking

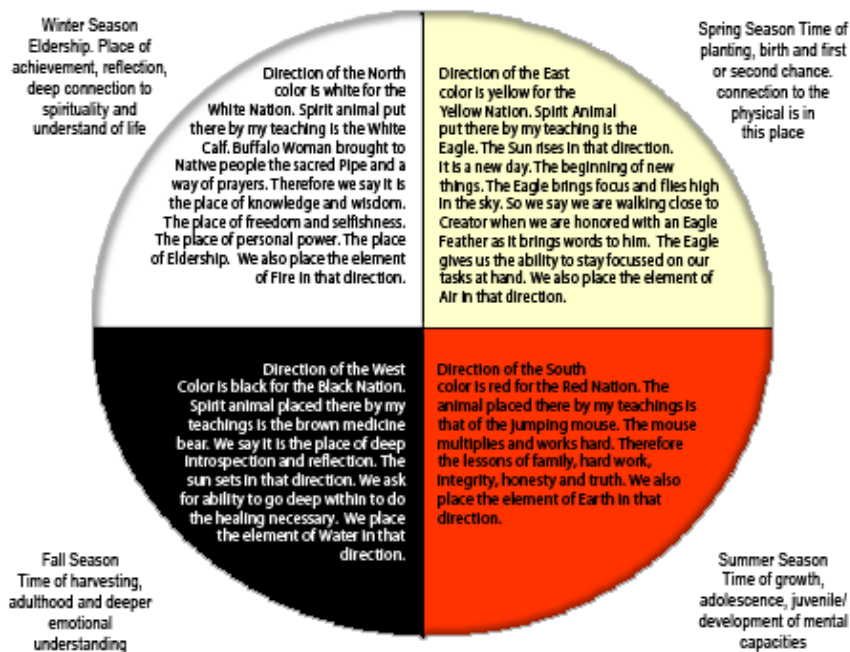
Our land is everything to us... I will tell you one of the things we remember on our land. We remember that our grandfathers paid for it – with their lives.

Wooden Leg, Cheyenne

Oh hear me, Grandfather, and help us, that our generation in the future will live and walk the good road with the flowering stick of success. Also, the pipe of peace, we will offer it as we walk the good road to success. Hear me, and hear our plea...

Black Elk, Oglala

CREE MEDICINE WHEEL



The Medicine Wheel:

The Medicine Wheel is the symbol of all creation. This ancient emblem represents all of life's forces. The Medicine Wheel explains our existence. It tells what is true and what is needed to live.

The Medicine Wheel is divided into four parts. Those four parts represent the whole person, the whole of the Creator, or the whole of the universe. A Medicine Wheel representing life would include birth/death, childhood, adulthood and old age.

The Wheel may symbolize "self – spiritual, emotional, physical and mental. If a person lacks one aspect of the wheel, or one section is sick or lagging, the Medicine Wheel will remain unbalanced and the self will not be whole. Once the area is mended, the self can focus on its path.

Upcoming Events:

Sun June 2

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

June 8 & 9

Wollomonuppoag Indian Council: 39th Annual Pow-wow
La Salette Shrine Fairgrounds, Rte 118,
Attleboro, MA 508-384-2704

June 15 & 16

Red Road 11th Annual PW
979 Somerset Ave (Rte 138) Dighton MA
508-880-6887

July 4 - 6

Aquidneck Indian Council's July 4th celebration
Cookout, fireworks & campout
Times: To Be Determined
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI
401-683-4589

July 6 & 7

Affiliated Tribes of New England Tribes: First Light PW
Burnside Park, 1 Kennedy Plaza, Providence, RI
401-413-2167

July 27 & 28

Town of Portsmouth 375th Anniversary
Pow-Wow & Celebration
Glen Park, Glen Rd Portsmouth RI
401-683-4589

Sat Aug 3

American Indian Federation 78th Annual Pow-wow
AIF Hall Grounds 1 Indian Street, North Kingstown, RI
401-632-7095

** 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.

Something to think about:

Honesty is the best policy.

I know we've all heard this before, but we should all be honest with each other. If something is wrong, or out of place; talk about it with the person it pertains to, don't let it fester inside, or carry tales to others.

Tell the truth, get it out in the open and feel better...

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Mondays: Unfoldment Classes with Sharon Ferraro

Tuesdays: Healing Share Thursdays: Gallery Nights

June 22 & 23: Summer Festival

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,

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Editorial:

Finding Balance Between You and Society

by: *Raven Speak (Robin Riley)*



We all have fantasies. Life wouldn't be any fun if we didn't always yearn for some far-off dream that we know will never ever come true; the “perfect love match” or the “Out-of-reach luxury car”. My favorite dream of something I can never have is to own a big log cabin house on open land, winning several million bucks in the lottery, and as long as it is an impossible dream, you can toss in gourmet dining and sitting in the front row of a Vegas stage production...

Of course, even for a 36 year old wife and mother of 3 boys, it may certainly be politically correct to have such outlandish dreams.

There's an old saying that goes something like, don't wish too hard for something you want, because after you get it, you'll regret it.... There's nothing wrong with wanting what you can never have. However, if you eventually get it, don't be surprised that it wasn't worth the blood, sweat and tears to get it. Maybe it is much better to just be happy and grateful with what you have.

As a whole, we do not look at what we have, but at what we don't. Instead of counting our own blessings, we count those of our neighbors. On a higher level, people strive for power. However, since we are not animals, this struggle manifests itself not in the bucking of antlers but in the want of possessions. We need the newest and the best of everything for the world perceives that as power; A game of Society King of the Hill...

This desire for riches and power, driven by greed, can only lead down a destructive path. In order to purchase the goods we will rack up bills... We'll spend more time working to pay them off and less time at home enjoying those little things that mean the most.

So my solution to all this greed in life is a cure that is very simple. Count your blessings. (LEARN TO BALANCE WITH WHAT YOU HAVE) Don't live comparatively. When you find yourself glancing across the fence, stop and take stock of the positives of your own life. Remember that true happiness is not measured by wealth alone. Measure it by each breath you take, by smiles and laughter, by lending a hand in need or teaching another what you were taught. Be realistic about where you are in life. Common sense will dictate what you can and cannot afford. Don't fall victim to what is just pretty and shiny... Play the hand you're dealt and you'll come out on top.

Good Day and Many Blessings.

(RAVEN SPEAKS THE FLAMING TRUTH)

Hate

by: Dreams of Wolves



Over the years we have met many people. Some become good friends & others just people we have met along the way. We are all brothers & sisters and that is what Creator wanted, that we love each other and help each other.

Sometimes no matter how we try, it first seems impossible, there seems to be so much hate in this world. We can hate what people do and stay far away from them, but if we have such a fierce hate for someone, it now becomes a tragic thing to deal with and it now spreads like a poison arrow to everyone else.

Creator does not want this for His people. We should try to see the good in people instead of looking for anything, just so we can hate them.

If you hate someone so much that you have to find anything or make up things about someone, then maybe you should sit down and call Creator to help you get over the hate in your heart because it will destroy you in the end.

So maybe we should all sit and think about what we do and how we think about people. I think we are all guilty in some way.

Creator, if there is anyone that I might have a hate for, "Bless them" and help me to see the good in them.



Next meeting:



Sunday June 2, 1:00

@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth

Guests Always Welcome

St Joseph's Indian School

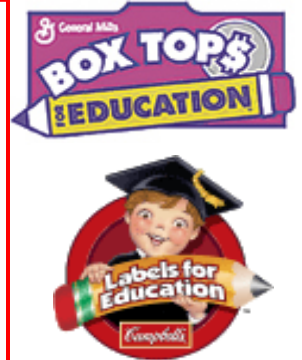
Constant Needs:

- 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)



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Inspirational:

The path of glory is rough and many gloomy hours obscure it. May the Great Spirit shed light on yours.

Black Hawk, Sauk

From 3 Horses:

June already, where did the time go? We have been busy doing this, that & the other thing. Time stops for no one. Talk about using old quotes. We are heading into the summer season; there will be a lot of things to keep us busy. But as busy as we get, we should always be aware of the needs of those around us. If there is someone in need of a helping hand, or a shoulder to cry on; we should be ready to go out of our way to help that person. Sometimes you may not be able to help yourself - but forget about yourself for a minute and give that minute to the other person; that may be all they need to make them happy.

Be like the jumping mouse, on the Medicine Wheel – the mouse multiplies and works hard, which gives us the lessons of family, hard work, integrity, honesty and truth. *Creator, make us all like the jumping mouse, show us the way to be productive and show us who needs our time or help.*

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



3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves

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