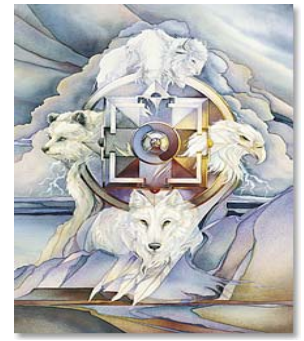


# Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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## Newsletter

March 2014



### Council News

On Sat Feb 8 we held our 4<sup>th</sup> and final Social, for this season, at Sandywoods Farm. It was a fun time for all. We thank Eagle Sings for their support; drumming and singing with us. We thank Russ and the staff of Sandywoods Farm; for the use of their hall. We thank everyone who came out to make our socials a success. Hope to see all our friends again at next Fall/Winter's Socials.

On Sat Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, even though we got hit with snow later in the afternoon, John instructed us on the art of silver wrapping gems & stones. It is always good to get together to learn new things, snack and socialize.

We are looking for a break in the weather so we can prepare the tee-pee poles. In most Native Nations, it is the women who are in charge of the Lodge, so even though the men will be stripping the poles and removing the branch nubs; if there are any women who would like to help, let me know. Everything we do is a joint/family effort.

On Sat Mar 1 we are to help out at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Walk at Melville Park. Last year we added a little of our culture to the walk by drumming and singing, this year we'll see if we can add a little more - weather permitting. See page 3 for details.

At this month's meeting, we have a couple new applications for membership to be read. I invite all members and past members, who haven't been around, to come and meet the new family members to be.

***Come join us at our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Indoor Pow-wow and Spring Social Gathering.*** ----->

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 March 2***

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### *7<sup>th</sup> Annual Indoor Pow-Wow and Spring Social Gathering*



**Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 – 5:00 Grand Entry: noon  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
7 Valley Road, Middletown RI

Drumming, Dancing, Flute music,  
Storytelling & more.

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

Drums: The Soaring Eagle Singers  
& Eagle Sings

Refreshments: Then & Now Native Foods

Open to the public. Free Admission

\*\* This is an "Alcohol & Drug Free" event

Proceeds to help support:

St Joseph's Indian School and

The Aquidneck Indian Council's charities

For directions, information or to show your wares

Contact the Council Secretary

@ 401-683-4589



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" You're in charge of *Homeland Security* ...  
do something . "

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### *Spiritually Speaking*

Trouble no one about their religion, respect others in their view, and demand they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, and beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide. Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and bow to no one.

*Tecumseh, Shawnee*

To “make medicine” is to engage upon a special period of fasting, thanksgiving, prayer and self-denial, even of self-torture. The procedure is entirely a devotional exercise. The purpose is to subdue the passions of the flesh and to improve the spiritual self. The bodily abstinence and the mental concentration upon lofty thoughts cleanse both the body and the soul and put’s them into or keeps them in health. Then the individual mind gets closer toward conformity with the mind of the Great Medicine above us.

*Wooden Leg, Cheyenne*

Of all the animals, the horse is the best friend of the Indian, for without it he could not go on long journeys. A horse is the Indian’s most valuable piece of property. If an Indian wishes to gain something, he promises if the horse will help him, he will paint it with native dye, that all may see that help has come to him through the aid of his horse.

*Brave Buffalo, Teton Sioux*

### Native American 10 Commandments

- 1) Treat the Earth and all that dwell thereon with respect.
- 2) Remain close to the Great Spirit.
- 3) Show great respect for your fellow beings.
- 4) Work together for the benefit of all mankind.
- 5) Give assistance and kindness wherever needed.
- 6) Do what you know to be right.
- 7) Look after the well-being of mind and body.
- 8) Dedicate a share of your efforts for the greater good.
- 9) Be truthful and honest at all times.
- 10) Take full responsibility for all your actions.

## Upcoming Events:

Sat March 1  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Walk  
Melville Park Recreational Area  
Off Bradford Ave & Sullivan Drive, Portsmouth RI  
1:00 – 3:00 401-683-4589

Sun March 2  
Aquidneck Indian Council's Monthly Meeting  
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI  
1:00 - ? 401-683-4589

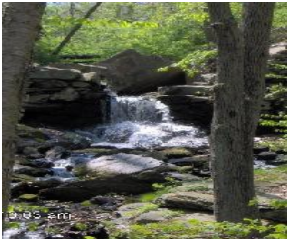
Sat March 22  
Aquidneck Indian Council  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Indoor Pow-wow  
KofC Hall, 7 Valley Rd, Middletown RI  
9:00 – 5:00 401-683-4589

\*\* 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 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 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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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:

### FRIENDSHIP VERSUS BUSINESS

By: Raven Speak (Robin Rielly)



*Conventional wisdom says you shouldn't mix business with pleasure. There's certainly some truth to that when it comes to friendships at the place of interest. It's easy to create mental barriers between "friends" and "business." But there are ways to nurture business relationships with friends--without jeopardizing either.*

Before I share my experience, I would like to explore the concept of friendship, and hopefully bring you the reader with me in this personal discovery.

#### **What is Friendship?**

*“[Friendship](#) is a form of [interpersonal relationship](#) generally considered to be closer than association. The value that is found in friendships is often the result of a friend demonstrating the following on a consistent basis:*

- *The tendency to desire what is best for the other*
- *Sympathy and Empathy*
- *Honesty, perhaps in situations where it may be difficult for others to speak the truth, especially in terms of pointing out the perceived faults of one's counterpart*
- *Mutual understanding and compassion*
- *TRUST, in one another*

For the past few years I've been an independent spiritual believer trying to be as open minded with the outside world. This was my choosing, because of lessons learned from putting friendship and membership as a unit... Doing that kept me busy as most organizations seek to do with the public at the same time when we were not doing public teachings we were hanging out as friends. However, after a while of this time past, agreements and disagreement and talk begin between people. This was a time spent too up-close and personal which allowed that old saying to come alive; “To close for comfort”. After time passes by and rumors started to take affect between all of us. We finally spoke un-necessary words to each other and ended the friendship unfairly. Now after 5 years of leaving the group we all have grown to see the wisdom we failed to see back then. I am very good friends with this guy and respect his friendship. As he knows I am always going to be there when he requests from me if it's within my power.

So what I'm trying to say is when you are friends with someone & mix business as WE did you build a comfy energy between you both. But then when a disagreement over something occurs between the group, that's when business becomes involved and friendship is forgotten. Learn from all disagreements even if what occurred was something that did not involve you. If you are a person's friend you will take the time to listen to what they are saying no matter what the situation is. Don't let business have the upper hand and for goodness sakes people don't let your feathers get fluffed over a power struggle. You might be on a different path than your friend but you are no better than they are. Your heart beats like theirs and your blood flows the same color. So I guess what I'm trying to say is friendship is AWESOME if you allow it to stay AWESOME. Don't run and hide from them when it's time for discussion. Don't put someone else in place to talk for you. Be the friend that you always have been. Communication is the #1 answer. Not hearsay through someone else. In the end you will see that a true leader that listens and respects with patience will always be the one who many will want to be friends with.

## Next meeting:



Sunday March 2, 1:00  
@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth

*Guests Always Welcome*

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### Constant Needs:

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- Little girls full slippers in sizes 8-14
- Children's robes
- Dish cloths
- School supplies
- Boys Boxers (all sizes)
- Bath towels
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- Children's tennis shoes (sizes 1-4)
- Men's T-shirts (all sizes)
- Chewable vitamins
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products box tops.  
&  
“Campbell’s”  
products labels.

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



### Inspirational:

When we lift our hands we signify our dependence on the Great Spirit.

*Blackfoot, Mountain Crow*

### From 3 Horses:

**No more snow!!!** Past winters we were not as active as we have been this year. This is one of the coldest and most snow filled winters in a while. But that doesn't seem to stop us. We have ventured out in the bad weather to drum or do crafts demonstrations or just to gather. Where am I going with this, you ask? I am offering up the fact that we are not “Fair Weather Friends”. We are family and we have a need to be together. I know the weather has not been on our side, but that hasn't stopped us.

I enjoy our times together, as do the most of you, or else you wouldn't be here. I just hope that those of you who attend these events or functions are really enjoying them. In the days of old there was/were no TV or computers to keep your attention, it was gathering together and listening to a storyteller or drumming or playing games with others. So what we do during our time together, is more than the “now”, but reaching back to the days of old. So I ask that when we gather, invite the ancestors to join you/us, let them feel needed or wanted. *Creator, let me always be aware of the presence of those around me.*

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



*3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves*

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