



Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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Newsletter

November 2013



Council News

At last month's meeting we voted on 3 more membership applications. We welcome Ashley, Jennifer & John to our family circle.

On Sat Sept 28 we crossed the big water (Narragansett Bay) to conduct a presentation at the Paine House Museum for Coventry's Heritage Day celebration. It has grown over the years. We were well received and we were happy to share our culture and medicine with all that attended.

On Sat Oct 12 we conducted the Healing of the Water ceremony, a pipe ceremony and I was happy to bestow names on 2 people, Isaiah and Janet who came all the way from Arizona (visiting family in New Jersey). We were happy to welcome her to our circle. We all were surprised when she offered us a gift of her personal pipe. It will be honored and treated with respect among all our ceremonial artifacts.

*On Sat Nov 16th 12:00 – 5:00 we will be hosting a “Potluck Lunch and Dance Social Gathering” at Sandywoods Farm in Tiverton. (See flyer for info). Eagle Sings will be joining us in drumming, and the floor is open to dance and 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.

At the last few drum practices, we have had guests coming and enjoying the spirit of the drum. I am extremely happy that others hear and feel her calling. Drumming is not the only thing we do well, but it is what brought us all together at the beginning and what led to the creating of this Council

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..

**** Note: there will be no drumming Thurs Oct 31st – due to Halloween. Drumming will resume on Nov 7th.**

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 Nov 3**

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Thanksgiving



For some, above is what Thanksgiving is all about, or, a prelude to Christmas shopping.

The idea of Thanksgiving should be a time of reflecting, being with family and giving thanks to the Great One Above for all that we have.

Many generations have passed, and the legend or reason behind the first Thanksgiving celebration, has been lost.

Take a moment to remember, if the Wampanoag hadn't had pity on the Pilgrims, there wouldn't have been a great day of gathering to Give Thanks.

Let us take the time to give praise & gratitude to the Great Spirit.

On the lighter side:



Spiritually Speaking

Brother, you say there is but one way to worship and serve the Great Spirit. If there is but one religion, why do you white people differ so much about it? Why not all agreed, as you can all read the Book?

Red Jacket, Seneca

There are many secrets which the Great Mystery will disclose only to the most worthy. Only those who seek Him in fasting and in solitude will receive His signs.

Uncheedah, Santee Sioux

Almost every evening a myth, or a true story of some deed done in the past, was narrated by one of the parents or grandparents, while the boy listened with parted lips and glistening eyes.

Ohiyesa, Santee Sioux

Our fathers gave us many laws, which they had learned from their fathers. Those laws were good. They told us to treat all men as they treated us, that we should never be the first to break a bargain, that it was a disgrace to tell a lie, that we should only speak the truth.

Chief Joseph, Nez Perce

Oh, Eagle, come with wings outspread in the sunny skies. Oh, Eagle, come and bring us peace, thy gentle peace. Oh, Eagle, come and give new life to us who pray. Remember the circle of the sky, the stars, and the brown eagle, the great life of the Sun, the young within the nest. Remember the sacredness of things.

Pawnee Prayer



Upcoming Events:

November is Native American Awareness Month
Try to attend an observance to honor our heritage.

Sun Nov 3

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

Fri Nov 8

Native American Awareness Month Observance
Shining Star Preschool
Valley Rd, Middletown RI
10:00

Sat Nov 16

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

Sat Nov 23

Native American Awareness Month Observance
Redwood Library
50 Bellevue Ave Newport, RI
2:00 401-847-0292

** 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.

Veteran's Day



American Indians have proudly fought in every branch of service starting in World War One.

More than 8,000 Indians served in WWI, 25,000 in WWII, 43,000 in Vietnam and 24,000 in Desert Storm.

Nov 19, 1986: The American Indian Vietnam Plaque, commemorating the diligent service of approx. 43,000 American Indians who served in the Vietnam War, was dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery.

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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:

Mirror - Mirror on the Wall
by Raven Speak (*Robin Riley*)



Recently this month a good friend asked for some advice or opinion (As I like to call it) about someone who speaks out in crowds when not needed, thrives for attention at the moment when someone else is the focus and ALWAYS has a negative judgment or action towards others who don't gift that person with attention that they want.. So I decided what a perfect subject to write about. As I sat and thought deeply on this subject, someone said something about taking a look in the mirror!!!!!!

(BINGO! THAT'S IT) everyone is our mirror. Every single person in our life is our mirror. What this means is that others are simply reflecting parts of your own consciousness back to you, giving you an opportunity to really see yourself and ultimately grow. The qualities you most admire in others are your own and the same goes for those qualities you dislike. To change anything in your relationships, be the change you want to see.

Learn to recognize yourself in other people. Everything and everyone is your mirror. It is only when you understand what it truly means to see yourself reflected back at you, that there is no room for blame, there is no room for judgment and there is no room to feel like a victim of another person's actions or words. There is only room for real love based on understanding and gratitude. Compromise comes easy, forgiveness is a given and growth is inevitable. While this truth applies to all of your relationships; from your family to your friends and colleagues, and even to those you deem your "enemy", it is your relationship with your significant other that enables you to take the closest, most accurate look at who you are.

Those days that you always complain about to people that seems to go wrong from the moment you wake up, usually begins with one bad event (car won't start, an argument with the spouse, kids don't listen or my most favorite He/she didn't talk to me nice). We allow these daily affairs to affect our state of mind. It then leads to another, and then another and before you know it, the world looks like an ugly place to you. Put enough of those days together and life can become almost unbearable. Yet, nothing in the world created your misery except YOU, your own state of consciousness that created the ugliness. **SO STOP BLAMING OTHERS FOR YOUR NEGATIVE FEELINGS!!!** Stop making your negative issues others.. Just because you look at someone that is not acknowledging you the way you want, does not mean it is all about you.. **LOOK IN THE MIRROR MY FRIEND. SEE THAT IT'S NOT REALLY ALL ABOUT YOU.. IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE MAKING OF IT..**

No matter what happens, look for the good and you'll find it. A positive thinker does not refuse to recognize the negative – he/she refuses to dwell on it. Positive thinking is a form of thought which habitually looks for the best results from the worst conditions. It is always possible to look for something good; to expect the best for yourself even though things look bad. And the remarkable fact is that when you seek good, you will find it.

(RAVEN SPEAKS THE FLAMING TRUTH)

Next meeting:



Sunday Nov 3, 1:00

@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth

Guests Always Welcome

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&

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



Inspirational:

If the Indian loves, he speaks the truth, but if he does not, he is silent.

Tecumseh, Shawnee

From 3 Horses:

As of writing this month’s newsletter, I want to reflect back to what I wrote last month. If you remember, I stated that we have been looking for a hall to host a social for Nov – Feb, but we had not had any luck due to technicalities. I said I was going to put it in Creator’s hands. I also said if HE wanted us to have this gathering, HE would show us a way. I am happy to say that with HIS guidance, and help from Seeker of Owl Wisdom, we have made arrangements to have our socials at Sandywoods Farm in Tiverton. I will be sending out invites separately, I hope you will be able to join us, I know it’s not the same as a pow-wow, but it is still a chance for HIS children to gather and enjoy each other’s company, eat, talk, dance, and maybe even win a raffle prize. With November being a busy month for us, this Social will be a chance to have fun and relax.

Also remember, November is Native American Awareness & Heritage Month as well as Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. As always we will be very busy fulfilling requests for presentations/observations. Try to attend any/some of the functions which are listed in our Events Calendar. It is always good to educate the people on Native culture, to do away with some of the stereotypes. Sometimes this can be done with song. *Let the calling of your heart be heard by all, most especially to Great One Above and to our ancestors.. Don’t be afraid to sing...*

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



3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves

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