



Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

# Newsletter

October 2012



## Council News.

Last month an application was read for Wayne's request for membership. This will be the second reading of his application, and you will be voting on his request. I know some won't be able to attend this month's meeting, but hopefully as many as possible will show up and show him the love and support of this family.

On Sun Aug 26<sup>th</sup>, we took a trip to the "Wig Wam" spiritual center in Onset Mass. We drummed, sang, lectured and brought our brand of medicine to the people. Our efforts were well received. We have been asked to perform a social with/for them, some time in Dec. We look forward to being there for them. I want to thank Marcia "Lone White Horse" for acquiring the bus for our trip.

Lora "Lone Wolf" has taken some nice photos of the Drum/Council's trip to the "Wig Wam". More pics can be seen on my FB page, or she has provided the Council with some CDs. If you would like a copy, just ask.

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Leilani has been working on Council & Soaring Eagle Singers logos which she and Scott will soon be able to put on shirts or hats. They will be offering these to Council members in the near future.

We have been asked to drum, lecture and bring Native culture to the 4th Annual Heritage Day festival at the Paine House Museum in Coventry on Sat Sept 29. I will apprise all via email, as to times and directions, etc.

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.

Shadow Fox has been undergoing cancer treatments. He is an integral part of this Council. Send your prayers and well wishes his way.

If you know of a member, or friend of this Council, who is sick or in the hospital, please let us know ASAP.

**\*\* Notice: due to the Columbus Day Weekend the October meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday Sept 30. Mark it on your calendar.**

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## The Wig Wam (8/26)

Pics by Lora "Lone Wolf"



On the lighter side:



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## *Spiritually Speaking*

But if the vision was true and mighty, and I know, it is true and mighty yet; for such things are of the Spirit, and it is in the darkness of their eyes that men get lost.

*Black Elk, Oglala Sioux*

The Indian believes profoundly in silence – the sign of a perfect equilibrium. Silence is the absolute poise or balance of body, mind and spirit. The man who preserves his selfhood is ever calm and unshaken by the storms of existence... What are the fruits of silence? They are self-control, true courage or endurance, patience, dignity and reverence. Silence is the cornerstone of character.

*Ohiyesa (Charles Eastman), Santee Sioux*

The lands of the planet call to the humankind for redemption. But it is a redemption of sanity, not a supernatural reclamation project at the end of history. The planet itself calls to the other living species for relief. Religion cannot be kept within the bounds of sermons and scriptures. It is a force in and of itself and it calls for the integration of lands and peoples in harmonious unity. The land waits for those who can discern their rhythms. The peculiar genius of each continent – each river valley, the rugged mountains, the placid lakes – all call for relief from the constant burden of exploitation.

*Vine Deloria, Lakota Sioux*

The Cherokee lives as a natural part of his environment and strives to complement it, not subdue or dominate it. It's an Indian philosophy that is playing an increasing role in everyone's life now that we realize that natural resources are limited and imbalance between man's technology and nature is perilously close to disaster.

*Huey P Long, Cherokee*

An Indian respects a brave man, but he despises a coward. He loves a straight tongue, but hates a forked tongue.

*Chief Joseph, Nez Perce*

It is our desire that we and you should be as one heart, one mind and one body, thus becoming one people, entertaining a mutual love and regard for each other, to be preserved firm and entire, not only between you and us, but between your children and our children, to all future generations.

*Kanickhungo, Iroquois*

## Calendar of events

### **Sept 29**

Heritage Day Festival  
Paine House Museum (9 – 4)  
7 Station St. Coventry RI  
401-822-5356

### **October**

The month is open for any ideas or events.

See The Wandering Bull's PW schedule for more events.

## Did you know?

The term “crossing over” is common among the Native people to refer to those who died or are dying.

Handsome Lake, half brother of Cornplanter, was a spiritual prophet who stressed the importance of traditional religious ceremonies and preached a message that would later be known as the “Code of Handsome Lake”. His spiritual messages were heard by many Iroquois people, who traveled for miles to hear him speak. Even after his death in 1815, his teachings continue through his followers and are now known as the Longhouse Religion.

For many Native American tribes, certain colors hold specific and sacred meanings. For example, to the Cherokee, red and black are two Cardinal Colors worn at many ceremonies and dances. Red represents the east, and black the west. White is for south, while blue symbolizes north.

The Appaloosa horses, though named by Canadian-French explorers, were developed by the Nez Perce.

Before the Europeans arrived in the Americas, more than 500 tribes (approx 22 million people) inhabited the US.

Many archaeologists and scholars claim that Native people may have inhabited the US as long as 70,000 years prior to non-natives.

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# Next meeting:



**Sunday Sept 30, 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
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### Inspiration:

I hope the Great Heavenly Father, who will look down upon us, will give all the tribes His blessing, that we may go forth in peace and live in peace all our days, and that He will look down upon our children and finally lift us far above this earth; and that our Heavenly Father will look upon our children as His children, that all the tribes may be His children.

### From 3 Horses:

Summer is almost behind us, so is camping season. The leaves are starting to fall. Another season passes. Soon we will have bare tree limbs and snow on the ground. So it goes in the circle of life. Even though it may be too cold to have outside ceremonies and pow-wows, there are many things that can be done inside. Drum practices will continue throughout the fall/winter. We may start up School House Circle again, depending on interest. There are opportunities for working on and educating each other on arts & crafts, maybe even hosting socials. The thoughts and plans are endless. Bring your ideas to the meetings, feel free to voice your opinions or thoughts. This Council is all of us coming together as a family, we need everyone's input.

Remember the elderly, the sick and the shut-ins, pray for them. Pray for our family members as well. Keep the needy and neglected in your thoughts and in your hearts. *Believe in these 3 virtues: faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is charity.*



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

*3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves*

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