

Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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Newsletter

September 2013



Council News

At this month's meeting we have more membership applications to be read.

Also at this month's meeting we will recap our first outdoor pow-wow, and talk about a future one. For those who didn't attend, we had a great group of vendors/artisans and great Native entertainment.

We thank "Eagle Sings" for their support with 2 days of drumming. Their drumming definitely made it easier on us, and, our two different drumming styles complimented each other.

Added special "thanks" go to:
Then & Now Native Foods
Carole Spirit Hawk - storyteller/teacher
Scott Shuffit - flute
Harry Grey Owl - hand drum & songs

A big THANK YOU goes to all the members and volunteers who helped set up, perform security, tended the fire and helped tear down and pack up, which was in addition to drumming and singing both days...

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.

Due to Sunday Sept 1 being a holiday, the meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday Sept 8...

****See you at the next meeting: Sunday Sept 8**

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Something New Added

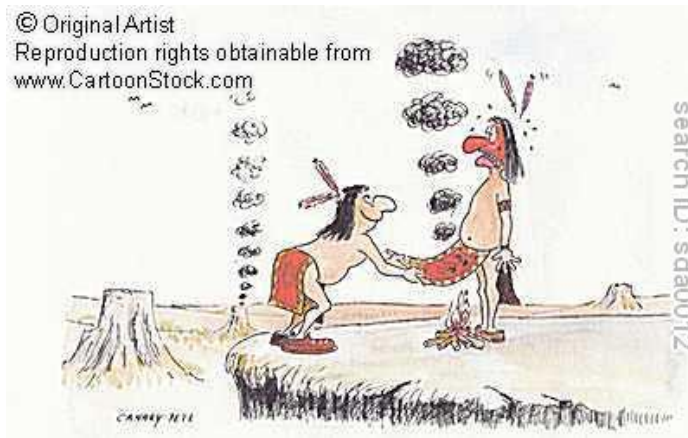
For those of you who may have missed it, months before our pow-wow, we had contracted with TME Flag Company to create our Council Flag and our Veteran's Flag. They were both unfurled for the first time in public on July 27th



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On the lighter side:



Spiritually Speaking

We preferred hunting to a life of idleness on our reservation. At times we did not get enough to eat and we were not allowed to hunt. All we wanted was peace and to be let alone... I was not allowed to remain quite, I was tired of fighting.

Crazy Horse, Oglala Sioux

Civilized people depend too much on man-made printed pages. I turn to the Great Spirit's book which is the whole of His creation.

Tatanga Mani

I never want to leave this country; all my relatives are lying here in the ground, and when I fall to pieces I am going to fall to pieces here.

Wolf Necklace, Palouse

In all your official acts, self-interest shall be cast aside. You shall look and listen to the welfare of the whole people and have always in view, not only the present but the coming generations – the unborn of the future Nation.

Dekawidah, Cherokee

American Indians share a history rich in diversity, integrity, culture and tradition. It is also rich in tragedy, deceit, and genocide. As the world learns of these atrocities and cries out for justice for all people everywhere, no human being should ever have to fear for his or her life because of their political or religious beliefs. We are in this together, my friends, the rich, the poor, the red, white, black, brown, and yellow. We share responsibility for Mother Earth and those who live and breathe upon her. NEVER FORGET THAT.

Leonard Peltier, Anishinabe-Dakota

I believe that ancient tribal cultures have important lessons to teach the rest of the world about the interconnectedness of all living things and the simple fact that our very existence is dependent upon the natural world we are rapidly destroying.

Wilma Mankiller, Cherokee



Upcoming Events:

Sun Sept 8
Aquidneck Indian Council's Sept Meeting
1:00 - ?
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI
401-683-4589

Sat/Sun Sept 21 & 22
13 Moons Turtle Clan PW
Chase Farm, Lincoln RI
401-400-1331

Sat Sept 28
Coventry Heritage Day
Paine House Museum, 7 Station St, Coventry RI
401-556-6924

** 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.

Chief Joseph, Nez Perce



Chief Joseph was born in what is now northeastern Oregon in 1840, he was the son of one of the first Nez Perce Christian converts, also named Joseph, who raised Chief Joseph to support peace with whites – until the government betrayed the elder Joseph and the Nez Perce.

Chief Joseph succeeded his father's position in 1871. After several skirmishes and difficulties with the US government, he became an eloquent speaker against injustice and inequality, and spoke in support of the freedom of the Native people.

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Sunday Services: June thru August – 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
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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:

Time flies by way to fast

by: *Raven Speak (Robin Riley)*



Welcome back family and friends. I hope your summer went well. I know mine did. I feel time passed so fast that I did not have enough time to soak up the sun. So I would love to start off with my biggest lessons of the summer.

Fun in the sun can be spiritually enlightening. This summer was a time for more than just meaningless activities with my friends. Instead, it was packed with activities that have enlightened me.

This summer offered more than the time I had enjoying the sand, and the sunshine of the beach. I was gifted the use of the warm evenings of summer as a time to grow spiritually. Spiritual growth means more than simply sitting in church, attending a class, or meditating. Spiritual growth can come from simple pleasures like a few minutes of contemplative thought about your life, past, future, or anything that means a lot to you.

I also noticed that even when the sun is bright and many people are hanging out, sharing and talking, you can use that time to grow and develop. You can learn much about yourself while you're simply doing nothing but NOTHING, simply by examining the kinds of things you choose to do with your free time. Let yourself go. Really see and feel what you're doing. Appreciate what you're capable of.

Your body, just like your mind, is capable of much more than you can possibly imagine. When you use your body, think about what you're doing. Live in the moment. Take the time to enjoy what you can do and instead of taking it for granted.

So my message today is; while enjoying the summer sunshine, stop and realize what a glorious gift you have in life itself. Take time to laugh, run, play, and let your hair down. Savor each moment of your life instead of taking it for granted. Your life is a beautiful gift, make the most of it!

Be well my friends

Next meeting:



Sunday Sept 8, 1:00

@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth

Guests Always Welcome

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St Joseph's Indian School

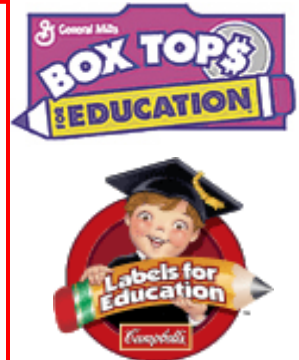
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For St Joseph's Indian School
(see *Dreams of Wolves* for a detailed list)



Inspirational:

He who is present at a wrongdoing and lifts not a hand to prevent it, is as guilty as the wrongdoers.

Estamaza, Omaha

From 3 Horses:

As Raven Speak said in her Editorial; Time does fly by too fast. The last time we met, officially, we were discussing plans about our July 27/28 pow-wow. Then came all the planning, setting up, drumming, fire watching, more drumming, cleaning up, packing & putting everything away. Since then we've drummed at 2 other pow-wows, now it is almost Fall. Where did summer go? I hear people say “Only 100 & some days to Christmas”. Yikes.... I'm still in summer mode.

My thoughts are: Sometimes when you are too busy, your life slips by you. One day you will be an elder and look back and ask, “Where did my life go”? A few better questions would be, “Did I lead a good life? Did I set a good example for others to follow? Did I do what Creator expected of me? Will others remember the good things or the bad things that I've done, once I'm gone?” These are things to ponder. Only you can lead your life, only you can chose the path you walk and the legacy that you will leave behind.

Creator, Great One Above; show me the right path. Let me think of others, as I would want them to think of me. Show me the way... A-ho!

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



3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves

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