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Dec 1 – The Intertribal Women’s Circle (IWC) took a “Tacky Lites” Tour to view Christmas lights in the Richmond area. The evening began with dinner at the Cracker Barrel in Mechanicsville. Those at dinner included Debora/Mildred Moore, Christine Hershey, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Karen Collins, Ashley Maybush, Verde Halley, Mitchell Bush and Beth Mills. Diane Gibson stopped to visit during dinner. After dinner, the group parked their cars and boarded a chauffeur driven limousine for their outing. Carolyn/TaWanda Talley joined the group before it departed. During the drive the ladies enjoyed hors d’oeuvres and adult liquid refreshments. Mitchell/Verde/Manuel returned to Ruther Glen before the trip. After the tour, the travelers headed to their respective homes.

Dec 4-6 – The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) hosted a quarterly meeting at the Residence Inn in Arlington Pentagon City. Delegates from as far away as Hawaii met with ANA Program Specialists and onsite contractors and Training/Technical Assistance Providers. Among the delegates was Yvette Joseph (Colville) who lived in the DC area a long time ago. Also, Candi Carmi (WI Oneida) another longtime resident of the DC area is a Project Manager for ANA Region I of the Native American Management Services, Inc. Candi asked Mitchell Bush to talk about the tribes in Virginia and Maryland on Tuesday. Mitchell did and included tribal communities in Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and of course he spoke about the Haudenosaunee and the American Indian Society.

Dec 5 – President Obama and his cabinet, including the Secretaries of Interior/Health and Human Services, met with tribal leaders. Members of the Navajo Code Talkers also attended. The President talked of his Administration’s achievements on behalf of Native Americans and of improving America’s roads and its infrastructure. Also, he talked about expanding Native American small businesses. The FREELANCE STAR carried an article on the President’s meeting in its 12/6 edition. After the meeting, the National Museum of the American Indian hosted a reception for the tribal leaders.

Dec 5 – The Board of Trustees and the Director of the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) hosted a reception at the NMAI in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the 2012 White House Tribal Nations Conference. Guests enjoyed a light buffet, sweets and drinks. Among those spotted at the well attended event were Machel Monenerkit, Terry Snowball, Leonda Levchuck, Keevin Lewis, Dennis Zotigh, Nedra Darling, Michael Nephew, Karen/Manuel Rodriguez, Pete/Elizabeth Homer, Steve Hill, Joanna Stancil, Jerry Cordova/Lorraine Edmo, Annabelle Toledo, Faye Lone, Nancy/Martha Redhouse, Matthew Martin, Francine Worthington, John Danner, George Waters, Winsor Sorono, Elizabeth Walker, Yvette Joseph, Dean Suagee, Reno Cambridge, Ronnie Emery, Debbie Brokenrope, Michael Anderson, Mitchelene Big Man, Toye Warito, JoAnn Chase, Orson John and Rachel Novak. *Submitted by Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez*

Dec 5 – Karen Collins, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush met for dinner at the Atlantis Restaurant before attending the AIS monthly meeting. The only persons who attended the scheduled meeting were 2nd Vice President Dave Henderson and Treasurer Vanessa Van Pelt, Karen Collins, Verde Halley, Marietta Van Pelt, Hope Butler (Piscataway) and Mitchell Bush. At the gathering, we learned that President Theresa Hill was

with her mother Eve Hill who was awaiting admittance to Fairfax Hospital. Our 1st Vice President Steve Hill was at the NMAI Reception. We had asked Theresa to be sure Steve attended the AIS meeting to update us on the Inaugural Ball. Or, someone from the Inaugural Ball Committee should brief us. We are also concerned about entertainers for the ball. Joanne Shenandoah states that she has not been contacted. The Elders Council supports including Joanne and the Native Pride Dancers, some of whom performed at the last DC Native Community Round Dance. Hope Butler, a visitor, told us about singing with the Native Voices Choir which performed with Thirza Defoe (WI Oneida). We discussed the Christmas bazaar. Dave will check with Mary Sunbeam about the signs we used last year for the bazaar. We also spoke about the upcoming Round Dance being held at the Cedarville Piscataway Tribal Center. Karen and Mitchell plan to attend following the Maryland University Powwow. The gathering closed at 9:30 pm with a prayer for Eve Hill. Theresa called to report Eve had been admitted to the hospital.

Dec 8 – The 8th Annual Native American Indian Powwow was hosted by the American Indian Student Association/Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education at the University of Maryland in College Park. The program began at 10 a.m. with the blessing of the dance arena by Bear Claw, followed by a conversation about Indian culture, also by Bear Claw. In the meantime, the vendors opened for business. AIS members/friends among the vendors included Michael Auld/Rose Powhatan, Chuck/Danita Tsinnie, Gary/Sharon Schoch, Mark/Joyce Tayac and the AIS booth manned by Mitchell Bush/Karen Collins. In addition to AIS crafts for sale, the booth contained items for Lorenia Butler's estate and Marietta Van Pelt and Karen Collins' handiwork. Steve Hill/Tia Gibbs set up the Nokomis Eve's Indian Food Booth and sold frybread, corn soup, potato soup and strawberries on frybread topped with cool whip. We took this opportunity to obtain Inaugural Ball information from Steve/Tia. Head staff for the powwow consisted of Ray Silva (emcee), Bear Claw (arena director), NDN Boyz (Josh Hill/Dennis Zotigh/Alex Loeb/Duncan Munson/Josh Richardson) (host drum) and the University of Maryland Army ROTC (color guard). Dottie Chicquelo emceed the formal opening presentations and Ray Silva emceed the powwow dancing. AIS members/friends who danced or came for moral support, not named above, included *Jay/Justine Hill, Erlette Lamont, *Luis/Turquoise Zapata, *Rolande Lewis, *Mario Harley, *Keith Colston, *Michael Nephew, Brenda Smiley, *Charles Eagletail family, Rachel Novak, Verona Iriarte, Jay Nightwolf, Apesanekwat/Christine Poafpybitty/Tahnee/Okemah/Go Go/Papa Bear/Machewiskah/Apesanekwat and Edna Brown. Those who dressed/danced are shown with an asterisk.

Dec 8 – Following the College Park Powwow, many in attendance headed out to the American Indian Cultural Center in Waldorf, MD, to attend a round dance hosted by the Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians led by Natalie/Maurice Proctor. Groups represented included Louis Campbell's Lifelines, Baltimore American Indian Center, UMD Powwow promoters and the AIS. Faye Lone set up a crafts booth, as did a couple of Lifelines folks. The Piscataway drum composed of adult men/young boys led by Mario Harley sang. Dennis Zotigh and Alex Loeb sang separately using hand drums. In addition to social dancing, there were cakewalks and raffle drawings. Michael Nephew and Mitchell Bush both won prizes in the raffle drawings. Michael gave the prayer before the potluck supper was served. Among the AIS members/friends who turned out were Michael Nephew, Mitchell Bush, Karen Collins, Joe Whatmough, Mike Tracey, Rolande Lewis, Dottie Chicquelo, Charles Eagletail family, Nina McFadden/Melvin Jones, Hope Butler, Jay Nightwolf, Louis Campbell, Dennis Zotigh and Keith Colston. A new family of Menominee Indians joined in – Justin/Mary Corn Fisher, Ali/Percy Fisher and Robin Penass. Justin is a Marine stationed at the Pentagon and heard about the round dance while escorting the Navajo Code Talkers in for the Tribal Leaders meetings. It was around 9:30 that the celebrants ended the festivities and headed out into a foggy night.

Dec 11-12 – On Tuesday, a viewing was held at Millers Funeral Home in Dale City for Eve Hill who passed into the Spirit World on Friday, December 7. Those attending included her sisters Phyllis/Eileen and her brother Pete; Eve's children Jay, Marietta, Tim, Phil, Edna and Theresa and her children's significant others including grandchildren. Eve's foster son Lonnie Leuppe was also present. Others from the community included AIS Elders Council Karen Collins/Mitchell Bush, Fred/Brenda Miller, Mark/Joyce Tayac, Edward/Angie Collins, Michael/Jamie Collins, Crucita Grover, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Kim Sowinski, Apesanekwat/Christine Poafpybitty, Theresa Yazzie, Stacey Unger/Heather Hill, Naomi Little/Danielle



Photo of Eve Hill with Great Granddaughter Samantha, daughter of GW/Charity Umbel, by Marietta Van Pelt

Johnson, Darlene Farmer, Charity/Tristan/Samantha Umble, Toni/John Fitzpatrick, Eleanor Baca/Julia Segovia/Gordon Delorimiere, Tim Moore, Juanita/Donita Neconie, Susan/Warren/Stephanie Reed, Katy Issenock/Chaske Hill, Tom David/Jessica/Roseanne/Tom III/Tom IV David. After the viewing, the Hill males sang a song composed by Josh Hill. Steve Hill spoke and sang a song using a hand drum. Then most of Eve's children/grandchildren spoke, joined by Daysi Lopez, Whitney Gonzalez, Manuel Rodriguez, Tom David, Richard Hill, Kim Sowinski, Crucita Grover and Karen Collins... On Wednesday, a funeral was held at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Woodbridge. Most of those named above attended, joined by Verde Halley, Rob Brown/Robbie Ebay, Pete Yazzie, Chuck Tsinnie, Hope Butler, Ellery Pennock, Annjanette Foss/Josie Tilley and Ben Lucero from the Las Vegas Indian Colony. In addition, Erlette Lamont's sister and family from CO were present. Eve's coffin was escorted to a waiting hearse by her sons and grandsons and the mourners said "goodbye" as she was prepared to leave for Canada, her home. The mourners traveled to the Dale City Recreation Center in Woodbridge/Dale City for a feast/reception. Edna prepared a spirit plate and Pete Yazzie gave a blessing in Navajo... Early the next morning, the Hill clan left for Canada. Lonnie Leuppe (Navajo), lacking documents to enter Canada, stayed at Theresa's home in Winchester. Lonnie was Eve's foster son and had been a member of the Hill family from early childhood.

Dec 15 – The AIS Christmas Crafts Bazaar was held at the Church of Saint Clement-Episcopal in Alexandria. The doors opened at 10 a.m. The vendors who participated included Mark Tayac, Gary/Sharon Schoch, Pete/Summer Yazzie, Sharon Jackson/Edna Brown, Sharon/Aaron Folgar, Lorraine Edmo/Lauren Cordova, and the AIS booth manned by Verde Halley, Gene Barnes, Karen Collins, Michael Nephew and Mitchell Bush. Shawna Robbins, assisted by Karen Collins, sold fry bread she made, tamales made by Sharon Jackson, chicken n' dumplings made by Karen Collins, and bologna/liverwurst sandwiches provided by Mitchell Bush/prepared and served by Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez. AIS provided complimentary coffee. Rob Brown helped vendors load and unload and set our signs out. Our thanks to those of you who provided sweets/tangerines for our snack table. The WASHINGTON POST advertisement seemed to have a positive effect on attendance. Among the many people who turned out, including folks from Saint Clement, were Theresa/Sally White, Dave/Ollie/Josh Henderson, Crucita Grover, Evelyn Nicholas, Glen/Myra Dunwoody, Jerry Cordova, Sunny Drew, Martha/Nancy Redhouse, Eloise Giordano, Carol LaValle Bauer, Darlene Farmer, Manuel Rodriguez, Tim Moore, Naomi Little, Natalie Proctor, Kim Sowinski, Romie Encinas, Apesankwat/Cristine Poafpybitty, Debbie Brokenrope and Loretta Tuell. After the bazaar closed at 4:00 p.m., the vendors packed up. Karen, Mitchell, Verde, Dave/Ollie/Josh, Rob, Mark and Michael stayed for the Christmas Party, joined by Nina McFadden/Melvin Jones. Melvin also offered a prayer before the meal was served. The group ate leftovers from the bazaar food sales – tamales, bologna sandwiches, chicken n' dumplings and a green chili stew made by Shawna in St. Clements' kitchen, plus apple pie and apple cider brought by Nina/Melvin. After eating, Karen raffled off festive table decorations she made for the AIS craft booth. Winners were Michael, Mitchell, Mark and Melvin. Then Karen ran the gift exchange which went smoothly. Everyone then pitched in to put away tables and chairs we used. Thanks to Nina who did kitchen duty and washed pots, pans and the coffee maker. Then, with a ho-ho-ho, we climbed into our sleighs and rode off into the night. Merry Christmas to ALL!

Dec 21 – Students from the Red Lake School on the Red Lake Ojibway Reservation traveled to Newtown, Connecticut, and presented a plaque that had been given to them by survivors of the 1999 Columbine High School shootings. According to the 12/22/2012 edition of the WASHINGTON POST, 20 visitors from Red Lake met with students and teachers to offer their condolences. You may recall that in 2005, a student at the Red Lake School killed nine people. The Red Lake group drove 30 hours to get to their destination. They

gave the students tribal flags signed by Red Lake children, offered prayers and sang honor songs. The visitors, in presenting the plaque, indicated it was now theirs hopefully forever.

Dec 21 – Lu Looking Glass, an AIS member from Albuquerque, New Mexico, called to report the passing of her Indian sister, Linda Tsonetokoy. She told of Linda's final days before passing, including her visit to the Durant Powwow. Linda had won the Golden Age category of the Women's Traditional competition for several years (7 or 8), but could not compete in this, her last, event. The Golden Age ladies requested a special and Linda, sitting in her wheelchair at the edge of the dance circle, was honored. An eagle whistle also was blown. Lu returned to Albuquerque after the powwow but came back for Linda's impressive funeral in Carnegie, Oklahoma. Linda was buried wearing the beautiful buckskin dress many of us remember. Thanks, Lu, for calling!

Dec 21-22 – Members of the Hill family, recently returned from taking their late mother to Canada, gathered at the Omph Funeral Home in Winchester, Virginia, to say farewell to their brother, uncle and beloved protector, Lonnie Leuppe. There was a visitation on Friday, followed by a viewing, blessing, honor song and eulogies by family and friends. The Hill men/boys and several of the women/girls sang "Eve's Song" which was sung at the funeral of their matriarch Eve Hill. Many of those present then traveled to Theresa Snay's home in nearby Stephens City for a potluck reception. In addition to Jay, Tim, Marietta, Phil, Edna and Theresa, their significant others and their children were present. Edna (Campos) drove her children, Andrea and Jose, and her Aunt Eileen King, down from Canada. GW Umbel, Tim/Tammy's Marine son stationed at 29 Palms in California, extended his emergency leave to attend. Pete King and his brother, Glen King, the father of Tiffany and Tara King who lived with Eve for awhile, Leon Leuppe and Nancy/Martha Redhouse were also present as was Karen/Edward/Angie Collins and Mitchell Bush. Several of Lonnie's friends and coworkers were there and spoke.

Dec 23 – AIS Elder Karen Collins celebrated her 71st birthday with her children Edward, Michael and Annjanette, daughter-in-law Angie, and Annjanette's daughter Josie Tilley with her fiancée Kenter. The group had dinner at the Olive Garden in Potomac Mills. Congratulations Karen, on this achievement. May you have many more.

Dec 31 – A protest known as "Idle No More" in support of Canadian Indian concerns was held at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC. Locals who turned out to support the protest were Hope Butler, Louis Campbell, Tatanka Gibson, Dennis Zotigh and Melvin Jones. People were asked to bring their drums, flutes and singing voices. The protest lasted about one hour and resulted in no arrests although the police were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRECTION TO DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER, November 1-3 news article: The name of Mario Proctor should be Mario Harley. Sorry Mario.

Patrick Martin called to inform us that longtime AIS member, Barbara Goyette, passed away on October 24 in Hayesville, North Carolina.

Longtime AIS member Dr. Edwin "Strong-Legs" Richardson, 93, retired Special Forces Army officer, applied behavioral scientist, author, speaker, trainer and researcher passed away on October 1, 2012. A decorated veteran of three wars, Dr. Richardson began his military career in WWII with the original 10th Mountain Division where his skills in skiing, rock climbing and training in specialized winter warfare supported the allied effort in the Italian north Apennines. Dr. Richardson also served in the Korean War and was a Green Beret during Viet Nam. He is survived by his widow, Muriel.

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Jan 2 - The American Indian Society (AIS) held its monthly meeting at the Church of Saint Clement-Episcopal in Alexandria, VA. Present were Theresa Hill (President), Dave Henderson (2nd Vice President), Vanessa Van Pelt (Treasurer), Cathi Hill (Secretary), Elders Council: Mitchell Bush/Karen Collins, Marcia Bell, Tia Gibbs, Phil/Alexis Hill, Keith Hunsucker, Karen/Manuel Rodriguez, Marietta Van Pelt/Cody Adams, Calvin Van Pelt and Amaya/Brooklyn Winfield.

President Hill called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m. and gave the opening prayer. Cathi read the minutes of our November 7 meeting which were approved as read. There was no meeting on December 5. The Treasurer's Report of our general, powwow, scholarship, American Indian Inaugural Ball and CD accounts was given by Vanessa.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave had no information to report on our insurance policy... Theresa read a letter from the Church of Saint Clement about the Ward/Hill incident... Marietta gave a status report on scholarship grants. Nick Hill asked that the second half of his scholarship be given to Warren Reed. Advised to accept check and give cash to Warren himself... Alexis placed 4th in her long jump competition... Mitchell reported on the Crafts Bazaar/Christmas Party.

NEW BUSINESS: Theresa read Lea Snay's resignation as AIS Princess. Mitchell motioned that Alexis be elevated to AIS Princess and the Junior Princess title not be filled until next August. Motion carried... Theresa passed around copies of articles in Eve Hill's memorial folder... Representatives from the Idle No More group did not attend the meeting as expected... The group sang "Happy Birthday" to Vanessa... Tia spoke to the group about the Inaugural Ball. She addressed concerns about volunteers, website and entertainment. She did state that there would be four legacy awardees - Billy Mills, Bill Frank Jr., Gay Kingman and Elouise Cobell (posthumous). There was discussion on what to do about honoring those who have passed on. Phil asked for a special for Alexis at the Inaugural Powwow. Tia will check with Preston Tone-Pah-Hote, Jr., the Powwow Chair... Karen Collins reminded everyone their 2013 dues are due.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AIS Meetings 1st Wed. of every month - 7:30 pm (Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3)

The Church of St. Clement Episcopal, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA

Baltimore American Indian Center Cultural Classes – Thursdays 6:00-9:00 pm: Holistic Health Services – Thursdays 11:00 am–3:00 pm (call 410.675.3535 or email thomas.melody.c@gmail.com)

Baltimore American Indian Center, 113 South Broadway, Baltimore, MD. 410-675-3535. www.baic.org

AMERICAN INDIAN INAUGURAL BALL – JANUARY 18-21, 2013

Jan 18, 7 pm – Lounge Reception, bin1700 Lounge (cover charge applies-open to all), Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Info: aisball2013@live.com Website: www.aisball2013.com

Jan 19 – Inaugural Ball Pow Wow (1 PM Gourd Dance, 3 PM Elders Talking Circle, 4 PM Round Dance, 6 PM Grand Entry), Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Info: aisball2013@live.com Website: www.aisball2013.com

Jan 20 – American Indian Inaugural Ball (6 PM General Admission), Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Info: aisball2013@live.com Website: www.aisball2013.com

Jan 21 – Inaugural Ball Brunch, Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Info: aisball2013@live.com Website: www.aisball2013.com

2013 Pow-Wows Sponsored by Pow-Wow:

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July 13-14 Howard County Pow-Wow, 1022 Fairgrounds Rd, West Friendship, MD 21794;

Nov 15-17 Great American Indian Exposition & Pow-Wow, The Showplace, 3000 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23223

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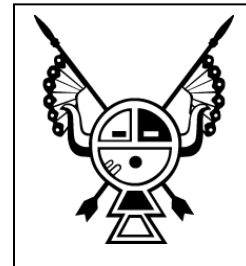
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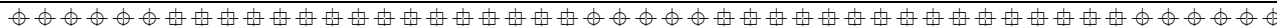


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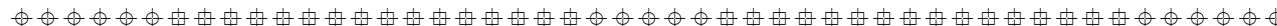


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