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Mar 3 – Mitchell Bush traveled to the Interior Department to deliver the March newsletter to members who work there... From there, he joined Karen Collins and Manuel/Karen Rodriguez at the Atlantis Restaurant for dinner. After dinner, Karen Collins and Mitchell Bush went to the monthly AIS meeting.

Apr 4 – Herb Bush hosted a birthday celebration for Manny Martinez and the late Brandy Berger. The celebration featured a home cooked chicken dinner prepared by Herb, and a birthday cake with ice cream provided by Mitchell Bush and Verde Halley. Gifts and cards were presented to Manny and "Happy Birthday" was sung. Manny had no trouble blowing out the one candle. Guests at the celebration included, in addition to those already named, Tori Cheeseman (Brandy's daughter), Ann Huff, Rob Brown, Robbie Ibay, Karen Collins, Chuck/Judy Gray, Trever Ottinger, Tammy Hinson, Mike Sweet, Frank Gilles Beaufilz and Larry Hapner. Herb sent covered plates to Stephanie Hagood and her coworker who were at work at the nearby 7-11 convenience store.

Apr 6 – Chief Kevin Brown stopped at Denny's Restaurant in Carmel Church on his way to Madison, Virginia, and ran into Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush who were having breakfast there. Kevin invited Verde and Mitchell to a fish fry at Pamunkey later this month. Later, Karen Collins arrived from Dale City. She and Mitchell headed out to Williamsburg to attend the 4 p.m. showing of "So far from Scioto" at R. Charlton's Coffeehouse Amphitheater. After failing to locate either the Governor's Palace Garden stage or the coffeehouse, our disappointed travelers headed home, stopping first at Sal's Ristoranti Italiano for lunch. Later, Karen, Verde, Rob Brown and Mitchell watched "Lincoln" followed by "Stolen Women, Captured Hearts."

Apr 13 – The Intertribal Women's Circle (IWC) held a quill follow up workshop at the home of Debora Moore in West Point, Virginia. The group gathered on Debora's deck. John Eglin said a prayer before lunch. After lunch, several of the ladies created earrings, both quill and bead, during the afternoon. Those who turned out for the workshop were Debora/Mildred Moore, Christine Hershey, Beverly Yazzie, Joanne Curnutt, Karen Collins, Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez, John/Gail Eglin, Emma Custalow, Celest Thurston, Mary Lecis, Heather Hughes, Stephanie Runningwater and Mitchell Bush. Heather distributed roses and homemade chili sauce to those present... Afterward, Karen, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Verde Halley and Mitchell traveled to Saint Mary of

the Annunciation Church in Ladysmith to enjoy Italian night. The church served a variety of Italian dishes including spaghetti with meatballs and chicken fettuccini with Italian ice for dessert.

Apr 13 – The Annual Penn State Powwow "Many Dances Powwow" was held at the college's location in State College, Pennsylvania. AIS members and local folks who took part included Jay/Josh/Chaske/Justine Hill, Erlette Lamont, Mary Ann/Derek Robins, Greg/Shawndae/Dayonday/Ohsay Sharp, and Keith Colston (who served as emcee). There were three northern and southern drums. A chili/frybread meal was served to the many participants at the close of the day.

Apr 14 – Karen Collins and Mitchell Bush (Elders Council) traveled separately to the Starbucks in Annandale to meet with Dave Henderson, AIS 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Dave is not involved with conflict of interest in either the Hill loan or mismanagement of the Inaugural Ball funds. We were concerned about a letter from the Marriott Corporation stating AIS owed \$219,460.92 for use of the Crystal Gateway Marriott from January 17-23, 2013. This, obviously, is the reason Steve Hill/Tia Gibbs discussed a suit against the Marriott Corporation. However, as members of the Inaugural Ball Working Group, they do not have the authority to commit AIS funds to engage in a lawsuit. Only the membership can make that decision. As of now, we have not received documentation to support Steve/Tia's claim. To that extent, Dave has tried unsuccessfully to obtain a copy of the contract with the hotel. Our President, asked more than once, has declined to provide a copy so we can provide an independent review of the contract. Also, we need a copy of the insurance policy Steve obtained a few days before the Ball. Unless there is some loophole in the contract language, and depending on who approved and signed, we must prepare for bankruptcy. The use of Inaugural funds to cover Eve Hill's funeral and related costs, and the continued use of the Inaugural funds after the Inaugural Ball weekend cannot and should not be defended.

Apr 20 – Chief Kevin Brown and the Pamunkey Tribe hosted a fish fry at the new pavilion on the Pamunkey Reservation near the fish hatchery on the Pamunkey River. The feast featured several varieties of seafood – shrimp, shad, herring and rockfish plus all the trimmings – hush puppies, potato/macaroni salad, baked beans, deviled eggs, cucumber/tomato/onion salad. A dessert table and cold drinks rounded off the food offering. Chief Brown invited Karen Collins and Mitchell Bush to attend. Mitchell was seated at a table with several dignitaries: former Chief Bill Miles; Doug Domenech, Secretary of Natural Resources; Keith Hodges, Delegate who represents King and Queen William County and one of the trustees. After grace, the guests including Sid Turner (Nottoway Tribe of Virginia), Frank Adams (Assistant Chief of the Upper Mattaponi), Katy McCormack/Kirk Moore, Reverend Bonnie Dunn, former Pamunkey Chief Gray and several dozen others lined up for the buffet dinner. After eating and much visiting, several of those present visited the Pamunkey fish hatchery. Chief Brown announced the hatchery released over 900,000 fry (baby fish) back into the Pamunkey River. The Pamunkey fish hatchery and the Mattaponi fish hatchery date back to 1918 and are essentially Tribal sponsored programs.

Apr 21 – The Elders Advisory Council (Karen Collins/Verde Halley/Mitchell Bush) met with Dave Henderson, AIS's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and a small group of consultants to discuss the serious state of affairs that AIS finds itself in. The group is gravely concerned over a letter from Marriott that stated that AIS owes \$219,460.92 to the hotel, inappropriate expenditures and apparent mismanagement. AIS members and elders were excluded from participating in the American Indian Inaugural Ball (AIIB) planning or execution other than providing substantial initial funding and bank accounts/credit cards and yet are being billed by the hotel. The AIIB Working Group was advised to guarantee no more that 1500 minimum attendees, minimize room commitments, bring the draft contract to membership for approval before any commitment was made, present plans and

budget and announce meetings. Meetings were closed; the contract was never brought for approval, reported to membership or even made available for review; we have yet to receive a full report from the AIIB Working Group; it appeared to those that attended the ball that there were probably approximately 1500 people there; we are unsure of how many rooms were committed or filled; and we have yet to receive a budget or post ball financial report. The AIIB Working Group acted independently from the American Indian Society, yet apparently, as evidenced by this unpaid bill directed to AIS, has put AIS at great risk. Elders, members and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President were explicitly excluded from even seeing the contract, insurance, bank accounts, budget, or report on the ball. This may very well mean the end of AIS and the loss of the property at Indian Pines if AIS is held accountable for the Inaugural Ball Working Group's debt. We hope that none of the Executive Board Members (President, First or Second Vice Presidents, Treasurer or Secretary) of the American Indian Society signed the contract since we feel the Ball Working Group should be responsible for the debt, rather than the American Indian Society, since they committed to the contract and acted independently of AIS.

Apr 23 – Mitchell Bush traveled to the Interior Department to deliver the April Newsletter to subscribers or members who work there. First, he visited the Indian Crafts Shop and got a peek at their sculpture garden which opened the prior weekend. There are works by Pete Yazzie on display. Mitchell then visited with Marge Wilkins who is on the verge of retiring. Marge (and Dino) will stay in the area for a while. Next, Mitchell visited Nedra Darling who told him of her son's scholastic achievements. Other members were out to lunch so he missed them. Then, it was back to Ruther Glen.

Apr 27 – The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Life for All Peoples Powwow was held at Mt. Trashmore in Virginia Beach. Head staff consisted of Clark Stewart (emcee); Mavrick/Jesse Fortune (head man/lady); Thomas Lewis (arena director); Stumptown from Stephens Garage, VA (host drum) and Red Blanket from Salem, New Jersey (guest drum)... Also, the Harvard University Native American Powwow was held on April 27. Head staff consisted of Marvin Burnette (emcee); Jonathan Perry (arena director); Cesar Alvarez/Mabel Picotte (head man/lady); Iron River Singers (host drum); Red Hawk/Urban Thunder/Occum Pond Student Group (invited drums). The event was sponsored by the Harvard University Native American Program.

Apr 28 - Georgetown University's Native American Student Council (NASC) hosted its First Annual Powwow at the University's Copley Lawn. Under threatening skies, vendors including: Sharon Jackson/Edna Brown; Mark Tayac; Jesse McPherson from York, Pennsylvania; Sharon Folgar; and the Hill taco booth (Theresa Hill/Mike Beatty/Marietta Van Pelt/Cody Adams, Cathi Hill, Chaske Hill and Wendy Woodbury) set up around the lawn's perimeter with help from Mark Andrews (Gay Head Wampanoog), father of Hillary Andrews (NASC Chair) who flew in from his home in Gay Head, Massachusetts. Head staff consisted of Keith Colston (emcee), Head Man/Lady Dancers Maverick and Jesse Fortune (Creek brother and sister), Stumptown (host drum), Charging Horse (guest drum) and Maurice Proctor (arena director). Singing with Charging Horse were Dennis Zotigh and Jay/Josh/Phil Hill among others. Stumptown Singers included Chris Fortune, Maverick Fortune, Will Richardson, Tatanka Gibson, Tommy Tuppence, Sequoyah Fortune, Josh Fortune, T J Tuppence, Lenny Harmon and Aaron Montez. The Stumptown Singers come from the Rappahannock, Haliwa Saponi, Creek, Chickahominy and Upper Mattaponi tribes but live in the Richmond, Virginia area. Local folks who turned out for moral support included \*Michael Nephew, \*Louis Campbell, \*Charles Eagletail family, \*Luis Zapata, \*Rolande Lewis, Melvin Jones/Nina McFadden, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Kathleen Dorn, \*Rico Newman, Jimi Morehouse (flutist), Lou (flutist)/June Levin, Erlette Lamont, Justine Hill, Phoebe Farris, Phyllis David,

Kiros/Ani/Natani Auld, Claudia Haddid, Bradley/Regina Barnett, Marcy/Sandy Tiger and Mitchell Bush. Around 3:30 pm a light rain caused vendors to pack up and the singers/dancers/participants to move into a nearby building where pizza was served and participants visited.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SUBMISSION OF PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE AIS WEBSITE: In your travels, send pictures to Myra Dunwoody with identification of people, place, event, date, tribal affiliation, etc. for the AIS website. Myra can receive digital or hard copy photographs and information. For mailing hard copy pictures contact Myra. Myra.dunwoody@gmail.com, 804-448-2516

David Wolfe passed into the Spirit World on January 23, 2013.

## PATHKEEPERS FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE NATIVE YOUTH CULTURE CAMP FOR NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH

Pathkeepers for Indigenous Knowledge, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Culpeper, Virginia, is excited to announce its upcoming summer camp for Native youth. Pathkeepers mission is to provide opportunities and tools that allow for the practical use of traditional knowledge, the passing of this knowledge from Native elders and community leaders to younger generations, as well as the increased incorporation of traditional knowledge into educational, economic and governmental tribal systems.

Our first project is the Pathkeepers Native Youth Culture Camp for Native American youth, ages 11-16, and will be held July 21-27, 2013, in Culpeper, VA. The Camp will be a one-week residential camp and will provide Native youth with opportunities to experience traditional and cultural activities, identify healthy and sustainable food and life choices, and understand how environmental and conservation sciences are reflected in Native cultural knowledge and in our traditional uses of environmental resources. By providing these opportunities, we expect to build Native youth's appreciation and understanding of traditional lifeways and environmental stewardship, but to also build their self-esteem, leadership and consensus skills, health and wellness. The Camp will also include a field trip to Washington, D.C. to tour and meet with federal agencies, Congressional staff, and White House officials related to Indian Affairs.

Deadline for Camp Applications is June 1. There is no fee to attend the Camp so we are always looking for donations so that we can accept the most campers. We are also looking for volunteers, cooks and tribal members who could serve as facilitators and instructors of certain traditional activities. Camp brochure and application can be found on our website, <a href="www.pathkeepers.org">www.pathkeepers.org</a>. For additional information, please call Angelina Okuda-Jacobs at (202) 957-2696 or <a href="maintenancements">aokudajacobs@pathkeepers.org</a>.

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May 1 - 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 (Second Vice President), Cathi Hill (Secretary), Vanessa Van Pelt (Treasurer), Elders Council: Mitchell Bush/Karen Collins, Apesanahkwat/Christine Poafpybitty, Manuel Rodriguez and new members Allen/Catherine Vallendra.

Theresa called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. Dave gave an opening prayer. Cathi read the minutes of our April 3 meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Vanessa gave the treasurer's report of our general, scholarship, powwow and Inaugural Ball accounts as of March. We have not yet received the April bank statements.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave reported on the insurance issue. He stated that Steve Hill is in charge of insurance questions. We did a thorough review of items covered. During discussion, Inaugural Ball issue surfaced. The insurance policy may expire in June... Theresa reported she will not be at the Mother's Day Gathering. Mitchell asked Melvin Jones to sing an honor song for mothers who have passed... Vanessa will check on annual donation to Saint Clements... Discussion on Inaugural Ball. A meeting on the ball for the AIIB working group, Elders Council and executive board has been scheduled for May 7, 8 p.m., at Saint Clements. Theresa will contact the church. Apesanahkwat met with the working group's attorney on problems in the host hotel's accounting... Theresa, Cathi, and Vanessa voted to give the ability to the AIIB working group to get a lawyer, under Dave Henderson's protest... Nightwolf's invoices were turned over to Christine to deliver to Pete or the working group. During a discussion on who was the responsible party - AIS or AIIB, Dave asked for a copy of the contract with the Marriott Hotel. His request was denied. It was decided to ask John Wigle to attend the meeting... Theresa led a brief discussion on how 501(c)3 or 501(c)4 would affect us.

NEW BUSINESS: Theresa presented an immigration issue involving one of her Canadian relatives. Apesanahkwat will contact NARF for advice... Cathi requested reimbursement for Alexis's trips to Hollister and Lumbee, NC which was approved in the amount of \$215.42 for Hollister and \$194.83 for Lumbee... Dave requested an audit of our AIS accounts by an outside group. It was recommended that we obtain three bids for an outside auditor. Dave asked to be included on check signing authority at the bank or to have his name on accounts to maintain accountability of the daily expenses even if not authorized check signing privileges. Although he has general authority as an executive board member, Dave's motion to be included failed. He may check into the finance committee headed by Sam Wakefield for relief... Theresa introduced Allen Vallendra (Rosebud Sioux ) and his wife Catherine who are new members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Cathi had a birthday on Monday, April 29 but she didn't tell her age... Theresa has been invited to the Assateague Powwow in Pocomoke City, MD, in May. She turned in \$420 earned at the Georgetown Powwow to be applied to the "Hill Loan."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AIS Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of every month - 7:30 pm (May 1, Jun 5, Jul 3, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4)

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

May 11, noon-5 pm – Mothers Day Gathering and Potluck, Indian Pines, 25401 Reservation Lane, Ruther Glen VA 25401. Directions: I95 to Exit 104: Carmel Church/Bowling Green (VA-207) East; Turn Right on Route 652 (Ruther Glen Road), Go Approximately 2.2 miles, Turn Right on dirt (graveled road) just past mailbox for 25473 Ruther Glen Road. Info Contact: Mitchell Bush 804-241-5462

May 18 – Lancaster Longhouse Grand Opening Celebration – Dedication Celebration at 1:00 p.m. Hans Herr House Museum, 1849 Hans Herr Drive, Willow Street, PA 17584. Volunteers/Native Artisans/Food & Craft Vendors can preregister by calling Becky Gochnauer at 717-464-4438. Website: <a href="http://www.hansherr.org/Home/Longhouse">http://www.hansherr.org/Home/Longhouse</a>

May 18-19 - MONACAN INDIAN NATION 21ST ANNUAL POWWOW, Rt. 130, 6 Miles West of Rt. 29 In Elon, VA. Info at website: <a href="http://www.monacannation.com/powwow.shtml">http://www.monacannation.com/powwow.shtml</a> email: <a href="mailto:mnation538@aol.com">mnation538@aol.com</a> or phone: 434-946-0389

May 25 - Memorial Day Weekend Grave Decorating at Carlisle Indian School Cemetery (PA) at 11 am. For GPS location, enter "Jim Thorpe and Claremont roads, Carlisle PA" 17013. Meet at Carlisle at 11:00 am or at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, 133 Frederick Road, Thurmont, MD 21788 at 9:00 am. Contact Mitchell Bush at 804-241-5462.

May 25-26 – Historic Eastville 1632 Homecoming Powwow 'Coming Full Circle' featuring the Accohannock Tribe, Indiantown Park (original Gingaskin Reservation 1640-1813), 7399 Indiantown Road, Eastville, VA 23347. Info: <a href="https://www.indianwatertrails.com/about.html">www.indianwatertrails.com/about.html</a>, 410-623-2660, <a href="https://accohannock@verizon.net">accohannock@verizon.net</a> or <a href="https://www.eastville.esva.net">www.eastville.esva.net</a>, 757-678-7523, <a href="mailto:eastville@esva.net">eastville@esva.net</a>

#### 2013 Pow-Wows Sponsored by Pow-Wow:

Contact: Barry Richardson 252-532-0821 email: powwow@vance.net

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CANCELED - June 1-2 Fredericksburg Pow-Wow, Fredericksburg, VA Fairgrounds - CANCELED

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

Nov 15-17 Great American Indian Exposition & Pow-Wow, \*\*\*NOTE NEW LOCATION\*\*\* The Richmond Raceway (old Fairgrounds), 600 E. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA 23222

Jun 1-2 – The Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians 31<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival and Pow Wow, American Indian Cultural Center, 16816 Country Lane, Waldorf, MD 20601. Info: 240-432-7878, <a href="mailto:piscatawayindians@yahoo.com">piscatawayindians@yahoo.com</a>, <a href="mailto:www.piscatawayindians.org">www.piscatawayindians.org</a>

SAVE THE DATE: June 8 – Skyfest 2013: American Indian Festival and Celebration, Virginia Beach Oceanfront, 17<sup>th</sup> Street Park (corner of Atlantic Ave. & 17<sup>th</sup> St.), Virginia Beach, VA. Contact: Michael Cloud-Butler 757-636-1475

CANCELLED: The American Indian Intertribal Cultural Organization (AIITCO) will not have a powwow this year. We previously posted a Save the Date for June 29-30.

Aug 31 & Sep 1 &  $2-17^{th}$  Annual Native American Festival sponsored by the City of Harrisburg and Peggy Grove, City Island, Harrisburg, PA (behind Senators Stadium, during Kipona). All drums and dancers welcome, feast provided. Parking Fee applies. Contact: <a href="mailto:sunrisesigns@nmax.net">sunrisesigns@nmax.net</a> Website: <a href="mailto:swww.harrisburgevents.com">www.harrisburgevents.com</a>

Directions: From 81 take Cameron Street exit to Market Street & follow signs. From 76 or 83 go towards Harrisburg. Take Second St. exit & follow signs. From Second St. turn left onto Market St. The Market St. bridge has two ramps onto City Islands two public parking areas. PARKING FEE APPLIES for info call Michelle Fry: 717-589-7744.

SAVE THE DATE: Oct 25-27 - Meherrin-Chowanoke Pow-Wow. Info: <a href="https://www.meherrinchowanokepowwow.com">www.meherrinchowanokepowwow.com</a> or Lisa Lewis at 252-370-2237

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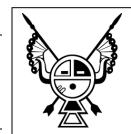
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