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### WHAT'S GOING ON

FEBRUARY 20 - ALTHOUGH PRECEDED BY THE FIRST SNOWSTORM OF THE YEAR, THE FOLLOWING TURNED OUT FOR CRAFTS NIGHT AT EDNA SUDAN'S APARTMENT: MURIEL FINE, EDITH WILLIAMS, NOUR AND HOKKAYH HZYAN, GEORGE ORTEZ, GERARD AND BARBARA GOYETTE, VERN HALLEY, ALEX, MARILYN, DEANN AND FAYELYNN RIDESATTHEDOOR, EDNA SLOAN, CHARLES MORRIS AND SEVERAL OF OUR FRIENDS FROM THE AMERICAN INDIAN STUDY CENTER IN BALTIMORE: AVERY, BETTY AND JEREMY LEWIS, CARL, ORANDA AND SOPHIA LYNN HARDING. THE FOOD, AS USUAL, WAS PLENTIFUL AND DELICIOUS. GEORGE ORTEZ BROUGHT A POT OF CHILI WHICH, THOUGH NOT AS HOT AS HE HAD PREDICTED, WAS EXCELLENT.

FEBRUARY 24 - THE FOLLOWING TURNED OUT FOR AN EVENING OF ICE SKATING IN WHEATON, MD.: ALEX, DEANN AND FAYELYNN RIDESATTHEDOOR, MITCHELL BUSH, VERN HALLEY, RICHARD BREAD, NOUR AND HOKKAYH HZYAN, AND GEORGE ORTEZ. JOHN PARKER CAME OUT FOR MORAL SUPPORT BUT DIDN'T SKATE. WE ALL HAD A LOT OF FUN AND THE CHILDREN SEEMED TO HAVE A BALL TRYING TO KEEP STEADY ON THE SKATES. WE ALL, HOWEVER, HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE WE CAN ENTER THE WINTER OLYMPICS! THE PICTURE TO THE RIGHT SHOWS THE GROUP OF SKATERS IN ONE OF THEIR STEADIER MOMENTS.



FEBRUARY 26 - THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND GUESTS LEFT FROM THE BIA PARKING LOT IN THREE CARLOADS FOR THE THUNDERBIRD FASHION SHOW AND POW WOW IN NEW YORK CITY: PERRY HORSE, PAULINE VELARDEZ, JUANITA KEE, MITCHELL BUSH, JOHN PARKER, VERN HALLEY, FRED LUCERO, ELSIE CASAQUITA, CHARLENE SANGRE, LUCILLE CALABAZA, GERARD AND BARBARA GOYETTE, RICHARD BREAD, AND J.R. & ROSEMARY DAVIS. RICHARD LACOURSE AND DUANE COLLINS DROVE UP LATER. THE FASHION SHOW WAS INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE AND IT WAS FOLLOWED BY A POW WOW. OUR SINGERS TOOK A TURN AT THE DRUM AND WERE JOINED BY HARVEY WELLS WHO HAD ALSO DRIVE UP FROM D. C. OUR GROUP SPENT THE NIGHT AT THE HOTEL CHELSEA WHICH WAS AN EXPERIENCE IN ITSELF.

FEBRUARY 27 - A DANCE SESSION AND BOX SUPPER RAFFLE, FOLLOWED BY A SINGING SESSION, WERE HELD AT THE BIA AUDITORIUM. THE BOX SUPPER RAFFLE BROUGHT \$12.45 WHICH WILL BE USED TO BUY MATERIAL FOR COSTUMES FOR OUR YOUNG DANCERS. THE SUPPER ITSELF WAS EXCEPTIONAL. A LOT OF IMAGINATION WENT INTO THE WRAPPING OF SOME OF THE BOXES. FOR INSTANCE, MURIEL FINE BROUGHT A LUNCH PACKED IN A ROUND POTATO CHIP CONTAINER MADE TO LOOK LIKE AN INDIAN DRUM. IT BROUGHT \$2.00, AS DID THE LUNCH BROUGHT BY BARBARA GOYETTE. RON PETIT, AN AIM MEMBER WORKING IN A NEARBY OFFICE, HAPPENED BY AND PURCHASED A DINNER FOR \$.30. THE DANCE SESSION WAS ALSO VERY SUCCESSFUL. THIS TIME, WE LET SOME OF THE CHILDREN LEAD THE DANCES AND WERE VERY PROUD OF THE WAY THEY HANDLED THEMSELVES. GLORIA SINQUAH HELPED THE GIRLS AND VERN HALLEY, JOHN PARKER, MITCHELL BUSH AND DAVID DAVIS ASSISTED THE BOYS. LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, WAS AN ENTHUSIASTIC SINGING SESSION. ALL OF OUR SINGERS WHO HAD BEEN ON THE NEW YORK TRIP (AND WHO WERE VISIBLY EXHAUSTED) TURNED OUT. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ATTENDED THIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITY: MITCHELL BUSH, JOHN, CHERYL AND ERIC PARKER, VERN HALLEY, GERARD AND BARBARA GOYETTE, MURIEL FINE, RAY VALDIVIA, WINONA DRIFT, BONNIE SAPP, MARY MCCLAMMY, MR. AND MRS. COLLINS AND THEIR CHILDREN, EVANGELINE HILL AND CHILDREN, PERRI BELTON AND CHILDREN, GEORGE ORTEZ, NOUR AND HOKKAYH HZYAN, PERRY HORSE, ALBERT, GLORIA AND LISA SINQUAH, J.R., ROSEMARY, DAVID AND SHELLY DAVIS AND ED, PAT AND MONTY MONETATHCHI.

MARCH 1 - THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD AT THE BIA AUDITORIUM (SEE MINUTES).

MARCH 3 - THE CLUB RECEIVED \$75 AND DINNER FOR THE PERFORMERS AT THE WYENOKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA, FOR THE YMCA INDIAN GUIDES. OUR SINGERS WERE J.R. DAVIS, ALEX RIDESATTHEDOOR AND GERARD GOYETTE. MAKING THEIR DEBUT WITH OUR DANCE TROUPE WERE JAY AND MARY HILL, THE SON AND DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. JOSSIAH HILL. THE OTHER DANCERS WERE JOHN PARKER, VERN HALLEY, MERLE LONEWOLF, MARTY LONEWOLF, DAVID DAVIS, ERIC PARKER, HOKKAYH HZYAN, JOHN LOCO SHAPARD, PAULINE VELARDEZ, BILLIE LYON, JUANITA KEE, CHERYL PARKER, JANA MCINTYRE, RETNA PINN AND DEANN AND FAYELYNN RIDESATTHEDOOR.

MARCH 5 - A SINGING SESSION WAS HELD AT BILLY AND PRISCILLA STEELE'S HOME. THOSE ATTENDING WERE ALEX, MARILYN, DEANN AND FAYELYNN RIDESATTHEDOOR, J.R., DAVID AND SHELLY DAVIS, GERARD AND BARBARA GOYETTE, WILBUR PAUL, MURIEL FINE AND BILLY AND PRISCILLA STEELE.

MARCH 12 - OUR FIRST BICYCLE TRIP OF THE SEASON, FROM FLETCHER'S LANDING TO GREAT FALLS, WAS HELD. FORTUNATELY, FOR THE BICYCLISTS, IT DIDN'T SNOW. AMONG THOSE WHO TURNED OUT WERE KAREN EASTER AND HER TWO CHILDREN, ARGIE THOMAS AND HER TWO CHILDREN, JOHN, CHERYL AND ERIC PARKER, GERARD AND BARBARA GOYETTE, ALEX RIDESATTHEDOOR, MITCHELL BUSH, VERN HALLEY AND WINONA LINEBERGER AND HER FRIENDS, BERNIE, JOHNNY AND MIKE GREENWELL.

#### COMING EVENTS

March 15 - Wednesday - A dance practice will be held at the BIA Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

March 26 - Sunday - Crafts night and pot luck d inner will be held at the home of Billy and Priscilla Steele at 4:00 p.m. Their address is 4322 Woodberry Street, University Park, Maryland (Phone: 277-5758). Bring a crafts project and your favorite dish.

April 1 - Saturday - At 9:00 a.m., we will leave for our first camping trip of the spring season which will be at the Cedarville State Forest, 4.9 miles off Route 5 on Cedarville Road, near Waldorf, Maryland. Please bring food for pot luck meals. The site looks like a good one, as pictured at the right, and we will have the privacy we desire. The "warden" is going to make an exception to his "no open fire" rule and will let us have a camp fire. If you don't own a tent, don't let that bother you and those of us who have tents are always ready to put somebody up. We regret that no pets are allowed.



Checking out the Campsite

April 2 - Sunday - We will be having our Annual Easter Picnic at the campsite above. We hope that those of our members who cannot come out to camp with us will be able to be with us for the day. Members are asked to bring colored Easter eggs since we hope to have our usual Easter egg hunt for the kids. There are also a lot of animals for the kids to see—deer, turkeys, guineas and chickens. There is an admission charge to the area of \$.25 per adult.

April 5 - Wednesday - Regular monthly meeting at the BIA Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Congratulations to Stephen and Naomi Conklin Gonyea on the birth of their 9 pound plus daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, on February 29 and to Stephen on receiving his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with honors in late January. . . Mitchell Bush visited with Marlene Benner on his recent trip to Minneapolis and she sends her regards to all the members. . . Our thanks to John Parker for hosting four visiting Indian students from Dartmouth and to Gerard Goyette, Mitchell Bush, Vern Halley and Nour Hzyan who donated food for the visitors. . . Anyone with young boys in their early teens who are interested in joining our all Indian scout troop (must be at least 1/4 degree Indian) are asked to contact John Parker at 737-0748 (home) or 343-7445 (office) for application forms. Several of the ladies have expressed an interest in organizing an all Indian girls scout troop. However, volunteers will be needed to serve as leaders, co-leaders, advisors, etc. Anyone interested in offering their services or ideas please contact Winona (Drift) Lineberger at 736-5267.

PECITA LONEWOLF LEFT THE MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICE MEETING SHE WENT TO IN DENVER, COLORADO, WITH THE EDITORIAL STAFF AND FROM THE MINUTES WE GATHER THAT THE MEETING MUST HAVE BEEN INTERESTING AND MANY SUGGESTIONS TO BETTER EXISTING SITUATIONS WERE MADE. HOWEVER, AT THIS POINT, WE DO NOT HAVE A REPORT ABOUT CONCLUSIVE DECISIONS AND ARE UNABLE TO MAKE A JUDGMENT ABOUT THE WAY WE CAN UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF THE ORGANIZATION. PERHAPS OUR BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING TO STUDY THE NEEDS OF THE INDIANS IN OUR AREA.

Minutes - March 1 Meeting  
BIA Auditorium

First Vice President John Parker called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. with the following persons present: Mr. & Mrs. Almagar, Worth Craven, Winona Drift, Muriel Fine, Elva Gibson, Gerard and Barbara Goyette, Vern Halley, Nour and Hokkayh Hzyan, Bertha Jennings, Cecil F. Johnson, Alice and Janice Kekahbah, Edward Lovelette, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Master-brook, Gene Maxey, Mary McClammy, George Ortez, John, Cheryl and Eric Parker, Howard Piepenbrink, Alex, Marilyn, DeAnn and Fayelynn Ridesatthedor, Bonnie Sapp, Grace Sine, Edna Sloan, Billy, Priscilla and Rillah Steele, Ray Valdivia and Hiroko Wenger.

The minutes of the February 2 meeting were read and approved. John reviewed our February activities. Elva Gibson gave her treasurer's report as follows: \$15,105.46 in our savings account and \$253.19 in our checking account.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Barbara Goyette introduced a publication by the American Indian Historical Society called "The Weewish Tree." Since this is a magazine for children and we are sponsoring an all Indian boy scout troop, it was recommended that the club subscribe to this magazine. The subscription is \$6.50 per year. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we subscribe to this magazine. . . Mary McClammy suggested that the day of the week as well as the date be printed beside coming events in the Newsletter. Vern Halley agreed to discuss the suggestion with the Newsletter staff... John Parker is still looking for boys with 1/4 degree or more Indian blood for the scout troop. So far, only three have signed up. . . Antoinette Almagar held a discussion on the possibility of organizing an all Indian girls scout troop. Ladies, especially mothers with small girls, would be needed to serve as leaders and co-leaders. It was finally decided that the ladies should discuss this matter among themselves and bring it up again at the next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that we adjourn at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vern Halley - 2nd Vice President Acting in  
the absence of the Secretary

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