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Apr 1 – Karen Collins, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush met for dinner at the Atlantis Restaurant in the Bradlee Shopping Center near the Church of St. Clement before the AIS monthly meeting.

Apr 4-5 – The Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, Inc. hosted a spring gathering at the Chippokes Plantation State Park in Surry, Virginia. Nottoway member Sidney Turner served as the emcee and introduced members of the Tribal Council and special guests. A blessing of the food was followed by a literal feast. Afterward, there was much visiting, exhibits and social dancing. The drum group Ma Wachi from North Carolina sang. This is the drum group that sang at our pipe ceremony last fall. AIS members and friends in attendance included Karen Collins, Joanne Curnutt, Prissy Huguet, Mary Lecis, Allard/Lynette Allston, Buck Woodard, Debora/Mildred Moore, Roger/Paige Archer, Vincent Schilling (Indian Country Today), Sharon Johnson, and Mitchell Bush... Meanwhile, back at Indian Pines, Kathleen Dorn, Steve/Rie Miller and Rob Brown busied themselves chipping brush/small trees which Rob had taken down during his thinning of the trees growing in the vendor area. Michael Nephew, Verde Halley, Karen Collins and Mitchell Bush visited Indian Pines during the work party. That evening, Karen/Verde/Mitchell watched a showing of “Slumdog Millionaire.” On Sunday, Karen/Verde/Rob/Mitchell traveled to Indian Pines after breakfast at the Flying J. Kathleen Dorn was already at the property raking dead leaves. The group discussed work at the Pines and walked over to the Memorial Garden to check it out.

Apr 7-8 – Karen Collins, Rob Brown and Rob’s son, Robbie Ibay, traveled to Mitchell Bush’s home in Ruther Glen, spending the night there before heading to Virginia Beach early the next morning. Mitchell and Verde Halley joined the travelers to attend the unveiling of the historical highway marker to be set up by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources at the First Landing State Park to commemorate the Chesapeake Indian villages of Apasus/Chesepiooc and archeological discoveries of prehistoric Indian settlements in the Great Neck area of the park. Several persons who attended the reburial of the remains of Chesapeake Indians in 1997 were present. Speakers included Fred Hazelwood (Supervisor, First Landing State Park), Chief Barry Bass and Chief Emeritus Oliver Perry (Nansemond Tribe), and Kathleen S. Kirkpatrick (Director, Department of Historic Resources). Deanna Beacham moderated the program. AIS members/friends in attendance included Karen, Rob, Robbie, Verde, Mitchell, Michael Butler, Sylvia Nary-Strickland, and Vince Schilling (Indian Country Today). After the ceremony at the Trail Center building, AIS folks walked over to the reburial site and placed tobacco ties in the young dogwood trees circling the reburial site. The tobacco ties were provided by Karen. On the ride back to Ruther Glen, Karen, Rob, Robbie, Verde and Mitchell took a side trip to Jamestown to ride the ferry across the James River to the town of Surry where they had lunch at the Surry Restaurant before continuing their trip. Once back, the group dispersed to their respective homes.

Apr 11 – The Intertribal Women’s Circle held a hand drum making session at the home of Mildred Moore on the Pamunkey Reservation. Each participant worked on a drum until finished. The session took place in Mildred’s back yard until the weather changed and the group moved to Mildred’s carport. Participating in the session were Mildred/Debora Moore, Karen Collins, Joanne Curnutt, Prissy Huguet, Michael/Kiros Auld and Rose Powhatan, Barbara Drifmeyer/Tyler and Dylan Nohilly, Karen Rodriguez, and Chief Lynette Allston. Karen Collins, Rob Brown and Robbie Ibay stayed overnight at Mitchell’s home.

Apr 12 – On a beautiful, sunny, spring day, the AIS folks gathered at Indian Pines for an Easter Picnic. In attendance were Michael Nephew, Karen/Manuel Rodriguez, Karen Collins, Chuck/Judy/Billy Gray, Verde Halley, Mitchell Bush, Riccaree/Cynthia/Tiombe/Tahj Vaughan, Glen/Myra Dunwoody, Rob Brown and Robbie Ibay. While the older folks watched, the younger set played kickball in the arena. After a meal consisting of chili over noodles, spinach with pineapple and raisins, Mitchell’s macaroni salad, fry bread and a variety of cold drinks, Riccaree/Cynthia hid a couple of dozen eggs for Tiombe, Tahj and Robbie to find. Mouse hosted the Dunwoody’s two Shih Tzu members of their family.

Apr 17 – The recognition committee of the Virginia Council on Indians (VCI) held a meeting in the General Assembly Building in Richmond, VA to finalize its recommendation on the Nottoway Indian Tribe's recognition petition. Attending were the Chairman Earl Bass, and members Helen Rountree, Arlene Milner and Mitchell Bush. Guests included Lynette/Allard Allston, Paige Archer, Jack Milnor, William Wright, Archie Elliott, Sid Turner, Edwin Dukes, Alfred Whittaker, Leroy Hardy and Eric Gregory (AG's office). The Nottoway petition received "No" votes from Earl Bass, Helen Rountree and Arlene Milner, and a "Yes" vote from Mitchell Bush. Committee member Anne Richardson was not present. The vote on the petition will be reported to the VCI.

Apr 17-19 – Gary Four-Star and other members of the Assiniboine Thunder Bird Clan hosted an Animal Spirit Dance at the farm of Long-Walk II coordinators Curt and Shelia Hanson in Delaplane, VA. It was a three-day social/spiritual gathering and healing ceremony open to all nations, beginning with a pot-luck dinner and social on Friday evening as campers and guests began to arrive. The ceremonial fire was lit just after sunset and attended all night by various guests drumming all night, in addition to a few Buddhists monks from the Peace Pagoda in New York who dropped in to offer their support. Saturday's events began with a sunrise ceremony drum followed by a talking circle and sweat lodges throughout the day. The dance was held within an arbor at sunset, and lasted until almost midnight. Conversations and talking circles lasted into the early morning hours. Sunday began with another sunrise ceremony and talking circle. Originally scheduled to end mid-morning, the Sunday gathering didn't end until afternoon when the talking circle ended and guests began to make their way back to their homes. Local natives spotted in the crowd included Mitchell Bush/Rob Brown/Karen Collins who were invited to bring the AIS booth, Kathleen Dorn, Michael Nephew, Rie/Steve Miller, Ed Lozier/Dot Leighan, Ray Brock, Randy Lewis, Emily Gross, Elizabeth Peterson, Carol Lavallo-Bauer/Ted Bauer, Barbara Drifmeyer, Karen/Manuel Rodriguez. Ellery Pennock who coordinated the herbal offerings, Marie Taylor who donated Saturday's breakfast foods, and Evans Craig who helped host the event via the DC Natives yahoo group. *Submitted by Kathleen Dorn.*

Apr 18 – Mitchell Bush and Rob Brown took the AIS information/craft booth to the Native gathering in Delaplane. The weather was sunny but a bit windy. In addition to the ceremonies and sweat lodges, many of the guests enjoyed walking around the property. Mitchell/Rob left rather early to return to Ruther Glen.

Apr 19 – A birthday party for Brandy Berger and Manny Martinez was held at Mitchell Bush's home in Ruther Glen, VA. In addition to the guests of honor and host, Verde Halley and Mogli greeted arriving guests Herb Bush, Tori Cheeseman, Debbie/Jimmy Presley, Tammy Hinson, Trevor Ottinger, Lorraine Lomstead, Mike/Denise/Adrienne/Jill/William Henessy, Karen Collins, Chuck/Judy/Billy Gray, Rob Brown, Mike/Cindy Binette, and Manuel/Karen Rodriguez. Herb/Trevor grilled the chicken, ribs and hamburgers while Debbie brought her famous potato salad and Mitchell made his macaroni salad. Verde brought the birthday cake and ice cream. After dinner, "Happy Birthday" was sung to the special guests and cards/gifts opened. Most of the day was spent relaxing outside and most of the folks came in to eat. Manuel/Billy built a roaring fire in the backyard. That evening, Karen Collins and Rob Brown stayed over to attend a function the next day.

Apr 20 – The Governor's Volunteer Service Awards Presentation and Reception were held at the Maryland Hall for Creative Arts located in Annapolis, Maryland. AIS member Jay Winter Nightwolf was nominated to receive recognition by Frederick Nordham, who we know as an Indian Veteran who provides color guard services to the overall community. Jay, along with several others, received Individual Awards. Other categories were Youth Under Age 26, Youth Group, Public Safety & Emergency Response, Group, Business Group, Faith Based, Senior and Special Recognition. Opening entertainment was provided by the Pan Masters Street Orchestra. The program was emceed by Wanda Draper of WBAL-TV 11; the color guard was provided by the Maryland National Guard; the National Anthem was sung by Anna Nicholson; and a Welcome by Linnell Bowen, Executive Director of the MD Hall for the Creative Arts and Israel Patoka, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives. Presentation of Awards and remarks were made by Secretary Jeanne Hitchcock. AIS members/Jay's friends in attendance included Becky Tudisco, Alexis Hankinson, Riccaree/Tahj Vaughan, Dena Picken, Suji Sutler, Verona Iriarte, Natalie Proctor, Alex Firewalker, Karen Collins, Rob Brown and Mitchell Bush.

Apr 21 – The Virginia Council on Indians (VCI) held a meeting at the General Assembly Building in Richmond, VA. VCI members present included Earl Bass (Acting Chair), Sharon Bryant, Reggie Stewart, Deanna Beacham (VCI staff) and Mitchell Bush. Guests included Sidney Turner, Lynette/Allard Allston, Archie Elliott, Carolyn/Crystal Joiner, Bill/Nathaniel Elliott, Marion Whitlow, Michael Steen, Beth Roach, Nathan/Tracy Elliott, Walt Brown, Cynthia Brown, Toni Manning, Beverly El, Deanie/Kimberly Freeman, Rikki Two Trees, Edwin Dukes, Gloria Hawkins, Juanita Smith, Inez Burton, Bert Dore, William Lamb Howers, Melissa Canaday, Helen Rountree, Roger/Paige Archer, Buck Woodard, Anne Adam, Eric Gregory (AG office), Karen Collins, Rob Brown and Vince Schilling (Indian Country Today). The invocation was given by Jerry Stewart. Due to the lack of a quorum, the approval of last month's minutes will be delayed until the next meeting. Deanna reviewed the VCI budget. Under Public Comment, Walt Brown spoke about the Chereonhaka Nottoway; Helen Rountree presented documentation regarding the eight already recognized tribes; Paige Archer presented documentation regarding the recognition committee's vote on the Nottoway petition; and Lynette Allston expressed her viewpoint on the Nottoway petition. Under Old Business, Michael Steen of the 1781 Foundation repeated his request for a letter of support. There is some urgency because of a May 1 grant application deadline. VCI will write a letter of support. Reggie Stewart gave a report on the VCI conference. Earl Bass gave the final report of the recognition committee on the Nottoway petition. He also read a message from Chief Ken Adams who was reacting to an Indian Country Today article about the Nottoway Tribe's assertion that they received unfair treatment in their bid for state recognition. Chief Adams stated that Mitchell Bush and Paige Archer claimed that Helen Rountree was biased in her consideration of the Nottoway petition. Mitchell informed the chair that he had not claimed bias. Mitchell's comments were extracted from a rough draft report to the recognition committee asked for by the committee chairman, and did not allege bias, but acknowledged that Dr. Rountree had criticized his earlier comments on the procedure's deficiency and questioned Dr. Rountree's association with one of the other groups of Nottoway Indians and statement that there was no Nottoway Tribe (before any decision was made.) Under Announcements, the next VCI meeting will be held on May 19, 6:30 p.m., Room 7 West of the General Assembly Building... A highway marker honoring the Monacan Town of Mowhemcho will be dedicated on April 26, 3:00 p.m... VITAL Powwow May 2-3 at the Chickahominy Tribal Grounds... 17th Annual Monacan Powwow at Elon, VA... Vince Schilling announced that photos of the VCI Conference were available at his website.

Apr 22 – A Property Management Committee meeting was held at the home of Kathleen Dorn at her home in Burke, Virginia. The discussion included several projects to upgrade Indian Pines as well as which projects should take precedence. At the top of the list was installing a deeper well to provide enhanced water flow, and regrading and reseeding the powwow arena. Rob Brown, a professional landscaper who was present at the meeting was consulted for advice on several land improvement projects at the property including the arena, and halting erosion along the banks of Reservation Ln. Last winter Kathleen talked to our Indian Pines neighbor, Mr. Wood to get a ball park estimate of the costs, and will contact him again to obtain the names of the contractors he used and obtained estimates from. The group also discussed the pavilion and the feasibility of replacing the two trailers with more permanent and secure structures. Steve Miller, Kathleen and Karen Collins are researching several options including used office trailers, log cabins and "double wides" versus new construction. This is part of an ongoing research project started two years ago. Those in attendance included Kathleen Dorn, Karen Collins, Michael Nephew, Steve/Rie Miller, Ollie Spencer, Rob Brown, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush. *Submitted by Kathleen Dorn*

Apr 26 – Tammy Umbel and Erlette Lamont hosted a baby shower for Jeremy/Charity Umbel at Jay Hill/Erlette's home in Bristow, VA. After a wide selection of finger foods and cold drinks, the guests enjoyed several games coordinated by Tammy. Then it was time for cake and the opening of gifts for the baby due May 12. In addition to the hosts and guests of honor, Jeremy/Charity, guests included Eve Hill, Tim Hill, Phil/Cathi/Alexis Hill, Steve/Nicklaus Hill, Tia Gibbs, Justine Hill, Karen Collins, Verde Halley, Karen Rodriguez, Buster David, Mitchell Bush and several of Tammy's relatives. The baby arrived on April 29.

Apr 26 – The Department of Historic Resources dedicated a historic roadside marker to commemorate the Monacan town of Mowhemcho which was destroyed by the colonists in the late 17th Century and most of its people killed. The site was later settled by French Huguenots and renamed the Powhatan County town

Manakin. The ceremony, held in the Manakin Episcopal Church, was attended by Karenne Wood, Director of the Virginia Indian Heritage Program, members of the Monacan Tribe and VCI members. An article about the dedication appeared in the April 27 edition of the Free Lance Star.

WHAT'S NEW

Our thanks to Charles Blackwell for his \$100 general fund donation, and to Bernadette Henman (general fund), Eloise Giordano (scholarship fund) and Marian Cooney (pow wow fund) for their donations.

Congratulations to Gerald and Charity Umbel on the birth of their son, Tristan Luther, on April 29, 2009 (7 pounds, 22 inches). Tristan's middle name "Luther" honors Charity's dad Luther Pearson whom we lost a few years ago. Tristan is Eve Hill's 32nd great-grandchild. Eve also has 35 grandchildren.



Congratulations to Andrea Campos, age 12, daughter of Jose and Edna (Hill) Campos, who has been selected out of 200 students from Connaught School to attend the Provincial Fair in Ottawa, Canada. Andrea is the Granddaughter of Eve Hill. This is her second year in the school in St. Catharines, Canada. Andrea participated in the Historica Fair at the school level and took First Place. She is the first student to place from her school plus the only 6th Grader. She then went on to Regionals and was given the honor to go on to the Provincial Fair in Ottawa, June 10 -14, 2009. Andrea's project was on the Peacemaker who founded the Iroquois Confederacy and she then goes on to explain the Tree of Peace and its significance and the five Nations that came together under the Confederacy. She was in complete Regalia during her first presentation at school and Open Night at the Regionals.

It is with great sadness that we report that Cletis Two Feathers Harper (Cherokee Nation originally from Hominy, OK) crossed over on April 6. He operated a trading post in Dumfries, VA, and was very active in the community, powwow circuit, AIS and AIITCO. He spent his last years in Florida, near his daughter Kathy. He is survived by his daughter Kathy and son Brad.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>AIS Meetings 1st Wed. of every month: (Jun 3/Jul 1/Aug 5/Sep 2/Oct 7/Nov 4/Dec 2) The Church of St. Clement Episcopal, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA</p>
<p>Baltimore American Indian Center Cultural Classes - Tuesdays from 6:00-9:00 pm Baltimore American Indian Center, 113 South Broadway, Baltimore, MD</p>
<p>Jun 6 - Come Bike With Us - Create your own tread. Please Join Us, Saturday, June 6 at 9 AM at the NMAI front entrance.</p> <p>Here's what the DC Healthy Native Network does: * Promotes a healthy active lifestyle for our DC Natives. * Advocates healthy initiatives. * Educates our participants of the best way to lead a healthy lifestyle. * Works with other Native organizations to meet on a regular basis. * These events will also help strengthen our community.</p> <p>Don't have a bike? Reserve one today! Bike The Sites, 9:00 am - 9:00pm (walkup rentals lots of bikes) (If you plan to rent from Bike the sites please let me know at president@aisdc.org and we'll know to meet you by the Smithsonian Metro stop) The Old Post Office Pavilion, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW www.bikethesites.com 202-842-BIKE (2458)</p> <p>Better Bikes (they deliver to you and pick up) Reservations required 202-293-2080 www.betterbikesinc.com</p> <p>Have Questions? Need more info? Contact: Michael Nephew, wk: 202-872-2017, email: mdnephew@pepco.com</p> <p>Brought to you by the DC Healthy Native Network - American Indian Society of Washington, DC National Indian Health Board National Council of Urban Indian Health National Indian Education Association National Congress of American Indians</p>

Jun 6-7 – Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians, Inc. 26 th Annual Festival & Powwow, American Indian Cultural Center, 16816 Country Lane, Waldorf, MD 20601. Info: 240-432-7878, www.myspace.com/powwow2009
Jun 6-7 – Eagles Nest Natives Honoring Veterans Festival, Veterans Hospital Perry Point, MD. Info 410-447-6392
Jun 6-7 - American Indian Festival June 6-7, 2009 at the Chesapeake City Park, Chesapeake, Va. Contact the Chesapeake Parks Department at 757-382-8466. http://www.nansemond.org
Jun 20 – WINS POW WOW, American University. Visit http://www.american.edu/washingtonsemester/How-to-get-here.cfm for directions. Questions? Contact Jack Soto at (202) 895-4879 or wins@american.edu
Jun 19-21: Buffalo Messengers and The Woodland Zoo present The Second Annual Intertribal Buffalo Nation Powwow Woodland Zoo, 3400 National Pike (Rt. 40) Farmington, PA 15437. Info/flyer at www.buffalomessengers.org . email: moreinfo@buffalomessengers.org . More info about the curious births of the white and the black buffalos is at www.buffalomessengers.org and myspace.com/buffalomessengers . ADMISSION & PARKING: \$12 adults/\$8 children. Camping \$10 per day Children under 5 free. FAMILY of 4 PACKAGE: \$55.00 Includes concert, powwow (both days), full zoo access, camping 19th, Friday - Informal gathering at sweatlodge fire. Free to everyone. 20th, Saturday - Grand Entry at Noon, Dinner break 3 - 4, Close at 6:00 pm 20th - 7 pm to 8 pm The John Wyrick Band opening for Bill Miller (http://www.myspace.com/johnwyrickband) 20th - 8 pm to 10 pm - Bill Miller. (http://www.myspace.com/billmillerofficial) 21st, Sunday - Grand Entry: Noon, Close: 5:00 pm Exhibition dances throughout the day. 21st – 6-7 pm Dan LaVoie, opening for N8V (http://www.danlavoie.com/) / 7-9 pm N8V (http://sonicbids.com/epk/epk.aspx?epk_id=136078) ALL DANCERS: FREE ADMISSION TO CONCERT-POWWOW-CAMPING-ZOO
June 27-28 – 9th Annual Shenandoah Valley Powwow, Mt. Jackson, VA, sponsored by: The Silver Phoenix Indian Trading Post and will be held at: field adjacent to Interstate 81 at Virginia Exit 269. No contest powwow. Admission Fee: Adults \$6.00 under 12 free. MC: Clayton Old Elk. HM: Keith Tollett. HL: Heather Moore McClaskey. AD: Michael Nephew. VD: All Nations Honor-Color Guard. Host Southern Drum: Black Bear. Invited drums: White Buffalo Singers Cedartree. Entertainment: Demonstrations by Back Woods Survival Skills - Story telling by Ken Quiethawk and Deborah New Moon Rising. Booths and fees: 26 Vendors and 3 food booths - vendor spaces filled. Directions: Take Interstate 81 South in Virginia to Exit 269 (Shenandoah Caverns Exit). Turn West off the exit, then right into the first driveway. General contact name: The Silver Phoenix 540-477-9616 sphoenix@shentel.net Other contacts: Silver Phoenix Indian Trading Post 540-477-9616 10 am - 6 pm
Jun 27-28 – Martinsburg, WV Powwow. Contact: Barry Richardson 252-257-5383 or 252-532-0821, email: powwow@vance.net , website: http://www.myspace.com/powwow4life .
Jul 11-12 – 16th Annual Howard County Powwow, West Friendship, MD at The Howard County Fairgrounds, 1022 Fairground Rd- Rt 144. Traditional Powwow open to all dancers in proper regalia. Host Drum: Stoney Creek. Sat & Sun 10am-5pm. Contact: Barry Richardson 252-257-5383 or 252-532-0821, email: powwow@vance.net , website: http://www.myspace.com/powwow4life .
Jul 17-19 – Baltimore Indian Center 35th Annual Powwow, Timonium State Fairgrounds, Timonium State Fair Grounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD 21093, Contact: info@baic.org , (410) 675-3535. Website: www.baic.org .
Jul 25-26 – 10 th Annual Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Powwow & Gathering “People at the Fork in the Stream” at Southampton County Fairgrounds (1.5 miles south of New Market Rd off Highway 58), Courtland, VA 23837. Contact Mona Cunnikin, Chair at 757-538-1804 or monafc@hotmail.com . www.cheroenhaka-nottoway.org
Aug 8-9, 2009 – 24 th Annual American Indian Inter-Tribal Cultural Organization (AIITCO) Powwow. NEW LOCATION: Calvert County Fairgrounds, 140 Calvert Fair Drive, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Camping for vendors/dancers/participants on grounds. Info: email aiitco@aol.com , dineh2@aol.com or call AIITCO’s voice line for updates: 301-869-9381. Vendors by invitation only. www.aiitco.com
Aug 15-16 - Nansemond Pow Wow Lone Star Lakes Lodge, Suffolk, Va 10:00 AM-6:00 PM. www.nansemond.org . Directions: Take Rt. 64, 264, & 664 to Bowers Hill Interchange, then take Rt. 58 bypass west to Rt. 10 (the hospital exit) & turn right on Rt. 10. Go approx. 5 miles to Pembroke Lane. Turn right & follow Pembroke until it deadends. Turn left & follow the trail to the parking area. From Rt. 460 take Rt. 58 bypass to Rt. 10 and turn left and proceed to Pembroke Lane. Follow the above instructions.
August 29-30 - Whispering Winds Traditional Powwow. Location: County Fairgrounds at Fair Hill, Rt.273 - Elkton, Maryland. Notes: Traditional dancing-open to all dancers, proper regalia required. Info: Barry Richardson 252-257-5383, email: powwow@vance.net .
Sep 19-20 – Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, Inc. (People of the Longhouse) Powwow, Surry Parks & Recreation Center, 205 Enos Farm Drive, Hwy 10 at Hwy 31, Surry, VA 23883. Contact 757-654-9301 or 757-686-8602 or email NottowayofVA@aol.com
Sep 12-13 - Nanticoke Indian Association's Annual Powwow sponsored by: Nanticoke Indian Association, Inc. and will be held at: The Nanticoke Indian Powwow Grounds. PLEASE COME OUT AND VOLUNTEER AT THE AIS FUNDRAISING TACO BOOTH. Directions: The Nanticoke Indian Powwow site is located approximately 8 miles east of Millsboro, Delaware, on DE Rt 24 (John J. Williams Hwy) east of DE Rt 113. From DE Rt 1, take DE Rt 24 West,(John J. Williams Hwy) approximately 12 miles to Powwow site. Signs will be posted along route 24, both east and west. Contact: nanticok@verizon.net
Sep 26-27 – Chickahominy Pow Wow, Chickahominy Tribal Grounds, Providence Forge, VA www.chickahominytribe.org
October 2-4 - Appalachian Cherokee Nation 25th Annual PowWow. Location: Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestals Gap Rd - Sterling, Virginia. Notes: Traditional powwow. Honoring our Veterans. Gates open each day 10 am/close 6 pm. Admission \$5.00 per person. Free to children under 12 with a can food donation for the ACN Food Bank. Day money for the first 20 dancers that register before 11am Oct 2-3 only. Tiny Tots (6 & under) in real regalia special gift. Contact: Angel Couch 540-645-1143, email: sergsmom@yahoo.com .

Oct 3-4 – Boonsboro, MD Pow wow. Contact: Barry Richardson 252-257-5383 or 252-532-0821, email: powwow@vance.net, website: http://www.myspace.com/powwow4life .
October 17-18 - 16th Annual Accohannock Fall Festival & Powwow. Location: 28325 Farm Market Road - Marion Station, Maryland. Notes: Traditional, non-competition event. Boy/Girl Scouts in uniform plus children 5 & under free admission. Admission for others is \$4.00, seniors \$3.00, donation. Demonstrations of tool making, weapons, and survival skills. Vendors and dancers. Famous Accohannock oyster and clam sandwiches along with Indian Tacos, buffalo burgers & other foods. Camping for vendors/dancers. Please no alcohol, no pets, no drugs. Contact: 410-623-2660, email: accohannock@dmv.com .
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Nov 9 (Monday) – SAVE THE DATE: Veteran’s Powwow, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
Nov 13-15 – Great American Indian Exposition and Powwow, Richmond, VA. Contact: Barry Richardson 252-257-5383 or 252-532-0821, email: powwow@vance.net , website: http://www.myspace.com/powwow4life .
Nov 26 – AIS Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner
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The Church of St. Clement - Episcopal, Alexandria, Virginia

President Michael Nephew called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m and offered the opening prayer. The following members were present: Mitchell Bush, Karen Collins, Kathleen Dorn, Eloise Giordano, Verde Halley, Pete Homer, Faye Lone. Pete Neconie, Karen/Manuel Rodriguez, Ricaree/Tiombe Vaughan and Samuel Wakefield. No guests were present.

The minutes of the April 1, 2009 meeting were read by Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez and approved as read. Faye Lone gave the treasurer’s report of AIS accounts including a status update on inaugural ball finances, outstanding issues and ongoing efforts.

Old Business: Kathleen reported on status of inaugural ball ticket, finance and wrap-up reports and documents still needed. Kathleen will meet with Faye on Saturday. Much progress has been made in the past month but still much work to be done and not yet final. Kathleen, Faye and Karen Collins have all put in hundreds of hours. Quick Books software was recommended for business accounting, reporting and processes. Need better processes for tracking/reporting/inventory/sales. It was suggested we budget ball proceeds, including setting aside funds for operating expenses for the next four years. Kathleen met with Mitchell Bush’s accountant and it was recommended that we hire a non-AIS member CPA and spend some a portion of the funds before the end of the fiscal tax year. Kathleen is researching CPA firms. Pete Homer scheduled a ball meeting on Thursday, May 28 at 7 pm... Mitchell reported on the Easter picnic at Indian Pines... Michael Nephew reported on the biking event (he had a good ride) and next bike event – meet at NMAI at 9 am on June 6... Kathleen gave the property committee report. The chipper was rented for \$208. On April 22 the property committee met at her home. Members concurred with committee’s recommendation that work items be accomplished in the following order of priority: 1) drill well; 2) repair dance arena; 3) repair eroding banks. It was requested that bids be obtained immediately so we can obligate funds before the end of the tax year. Kathleen will prepare questions and ask Rob if he can meet with contractors at Indian Pines.

New Business – Pete Neconie reported there will be a Mother’s Day Basketball Tournament and Dance in Rockville this Saturday... Received a thank you for a Mitchell Bush interview... Our princess and junior princess were invited to ride a horse in the Horsenet powwow grand entry. Memorial Day grave decorating was scheduled. On Sunday meet at 11 am at Carlisle. Other cemeteries will be visited and decorated during the Memorial Day week so people can attend Upper Mattaponi Powwow on Saturday and participate in the Memorial Day Parade with NMAI on Monday. VEVITA will have a float again this year. The Black Creek Gourd Society will be at the Navy Memorial, 8th and Penn, on the 23rd and had asked if a potluck lunch could be provided. Need to research location and logistics.



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