

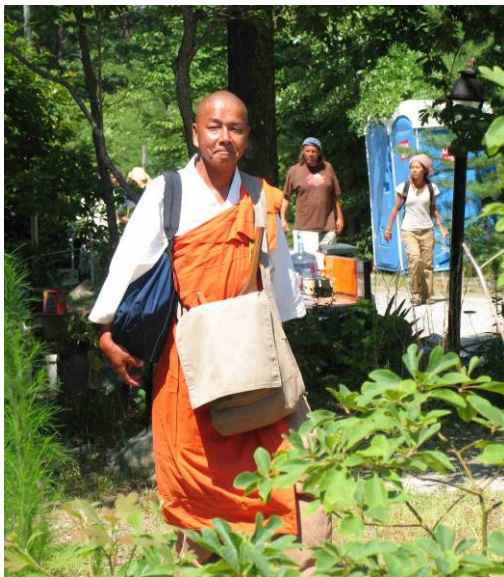


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July 1-2 – Karen Collins, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush met for breakfast at the Kountry Korner Restaurant in Carmel Church before going to Indian Pines where they met up with Rie/Steve Miller and Ed Lozier. Ray Brock arrived a little later. Our neighbor, Harold Wood, stopped by to see what was happening. He expressed an interest in visiting the walkers after they arrived and got situated. Around noon, the first of the walkers were spotted nearing Indian Pines, then came several escort vehicles. The water left over from the WINS powwow was put on ice so the walkers could have a cold drink of water. So, the first request from a walker was for a soft drink or Gaterade! Arriving later were T Carter, Chuck/Judy Gray, Ray Couch/Angel Highland and Riccaree/Daksi/Kanuga Vaughan. Bahe Rock arrived and got sweats for both men/women going. Earlier in the afternoon, our blackberry bushes provided nourishment for a select few. On Wednesday, the walkers busied themselves around the property. Steve/Rie, Ray, Ed, Manuel/Karen, Verde, Mitchell and Kathleen Dorn spent the day with the walkers. Manuel/Karen, Verde and Mitchell traveled to Alexandria to attend the AIS meeting. On Thursday, the walkers packed up and left Indian Pines in immaculate condition. Harold Wood said he would pick trash up on Friday.



No way to describe the spirit of this picture. A Japanese Buddhist Monk among the Longest Walk II walkers returning from a 22 mile trip to Indian Pines. The group represented members of multiple cultures and nationalities including Korean, Japanese, Jamacian, general Americans, and Native Americans from at least 20 different tribes. *Photo/Caption by Kathleen Dorn.*



Group Shot of American Indian Society members with Dennis Banks. Far Left to right: Steve Miller, Dennis Banks, Ray (rear), Rie Miller, Vern Halley (rear), Karen Rodriguez, Mitchell Bush (rear), Manuel Rodriguez. *Photo/Caption by Kathleen Dorn.*



At the end of the day, the group gathered in the powwow arena at Indian Pines while Dennis Banks addressed the group. Some brought laptops and are working on a manifesto to be delivered when they march on Washington D.C. on July 11. Among other issues, the manifesto addresses the rejection by the U.S. of the U.N. Indigenous Rights Agreement. *Photo/Caption by Kathleen Dorn.*

July 2 – Karen Collins, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush met for dinner at the Atlantis Restaurant before the AIS monthly meeting at the Church of St. Clement.

July 4 – A 4th of July picnic was held at Indian Pines. The weather was beautiful but a rain storm developed late in the day. The folks who turned out for the picnic enjoyed grilled hot dogs, coneys, potato and macaroni salads, baked beans, fried chicken, corn on the cob, hot corn tamales, coleslaw, cold drinks and cake/watermelon for dessert. Those who traveled to the picnic included Michael Nephew, Karen Collins, Chuck/ Judy Gray, Glen/Myra Dunwoody, Ray Couch/Angel Highland, Riccaree/Cynthia/Daksi/Kanuga Vaughan, Aio Sifu/ Diana Williams, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush. Meanwhile, the Longest Walk II participants were at Great Meadows, VA. They had an area where they set up information/sales, sang, danced, and were introduced and “walked” the festival areas. After the walk, the group gathered in a large circle, Dennis Banks and others spoke, and Dennis led the Longest Walk II song. AIS members who joined the walkers included Steve/Rie Miller, Kathleen Dorn, Ed Lozier, Pat Leighan, Ray Brock, Tony Doom and family, Evans Craig, Karen/Manuel Rodriguez, Ray Couch/Angel Highland and Maxine Hillary. That evening Great Meadows had an excellent fireworks show.



Photos by Kathleen Dorn



July 4 at Great Meadows with Longest Walk II participants.

July 9 – The American Indian Inaugural Ball (AIIB) Committee met at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City. Before the meeting, the group toured the hotel. The

hotel provided a meeting place, coffee, cold drinks and snacks for the meeting. Chairman Pete Homer called the meeting to order. Since Tia Gibbs has accepted a position, Karen Rodriguez was asked to provide some secretarial responsibilities/backup. Everyone present introduced themselves. The Chairman gave a status report on his meeting with the Pequot and a meeting to be scheduled by NIGA during our inaugural activities. A deadline was established for nominations for entertainers. There was discussion on individual ticket costs (\$100 advance/\$125 advance with brunch/\$150 at the door.) There was discussion on wristbands to identify ticket holders. The next time we will work on the ball agenda, including decisions on the AIS princesses and color/honor guards. A sponsorship packet will be signed by Pete/Michael. In attendance were the Chairman, Steve Hill, Tia Gibbs, Eloise Giordano, Bonnie Cote, Glen/Myra Dunwoody, Manuel/ Karen Rodriguez, Michael Nephew, Faye Lone, Angel Washington, Christine Poafpybitty, Cherie Seibert, Mary Sunbeam and Mitchell Bush. Michelle Dunsford has signed on as our hotel coordinator and will prepare a contract with the hotel. The next meeting was scheduled for July 30, 7:00 p.m. at the Pequot offices.



Photos by Manuel Rodriguez



July 11 – After walking from San Francisco, five months since the start of the journey, The Longest Walk II Southern Route met at Malcolm X Park/Meridian Hill Park to converge with the Northern Route and with those who were joining the final day to walk into Washington, DC. Locals who met at the park to join the walk included Bahe Rock, Mark Tayac, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Louise Thundercloud, Jackie Swift/Barney McCabe, and Francine Blythe. Soon after walkers were joined by Maxine Hillary. Other locals who joined in throughout the day or supported the group at various locations included Michael Nephew, Evans Craig, Steve/Rie Miller, Ray Brock, Faye Lone, Riccaree Vaughan, Keevin Lewis, Gordon Delormiere/Cecilia Baca, Dennis Zotigh, Rose Beckman, Pat Laughlin, Doug Hall,

Jay Nightwolf, Verona Iriarte, Lyle Barber, Bradley/Regina Bennett, and Raphiel Blythe. Leon Leuppe filmed the walk at various locations throughout the day. From the park the group walked to the White House where they stopped for ceremony and speakers then after a short break on to the Capitol where they were met by Harry Belafonte and Congressman John Conyers. Dennis Banks presented the Manifesto to Congressman John Conyers who indicated there will be congressional hearings on the document. Next it was on to the Vietnam Memorial Wall and back to the Washington Monument where three teepees were set up and there were more speakers. *Submitted by Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez*

Katie Issenock (1st place women's fancy), Theresa Hill (3rd place women's jingle), Lea Hill (2nd place teen girl's jingle), Ciera Hill (4th place teen girl's traditional), Alexis Hill (2nd place girl's fancy), Petey Allen Hill (tiny tot), Elizabeth Rule (1st place teen traditional) and Katy Rule (third in teen fancy shawl). Along for moral support was Michelle Rule. Last month Elizabeth Rule placed third at the Lenni-Lenappi Pow Wow in southern New Jersey.

July 23 – The AIS Scholarship committee Keevin Lewis, Tom/Phyllis David, and Michael Nephew met at Swatee restaurant to review the scholarships and prepare their recommendation for the membership.

July 25 – The National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) hosted a Washington, D.C. Native Networking Social. At 5:30 p.m. entertainment was provided by singer Jamie Coon (Creek/Seminole) and two other singers in the Welcome Plaza. Following the entertainment, guests went inside where the social was held in the Potomac Atrium. Complimentary drinks and hors d'ouvres were provided to the throng of Natives from over a dozen organizations/federal offices in the DC area. Dennis Zotigh served as emcee and after welcoming everyone named the various organizations represented, which in many cases brought a whoop from the crowd when their organizations were named. AIS, AIITCO and VEVITA were included. Folks in attendance included Richard Begay, Steve/Rie Miller, Jenel Turner, Kim Sowinski and Ray Brock from VEVITA; Dave/Tomi Dorvitt from AIITCO; Michael Nephew, Noemi Perez, Brenda DesMoines, Eloise Giordano, Faye/Naqua/Kishick Lone, Evans Craig, Michelle Monenerkit, Terry Snowball, Jackie Swift, Annabelle Toledo, Keevin Lewis, Clayton/Georgianna Old Elk, Jerry/Lauren Cordova, Lorraine Edmo, Tim Moore, Michael Auld, Georgia Jessup, Beverly Holland, Phoebe Farris, Sharon Folgar, Mary Arpante Sunbeam and Mitchell Bush from AIS-DC; and others included Rico Newman, Linda Proctor and Thomas Wooten from the Piscataway-Conoy Tribe; Dante Desiderio from the Sappony Tribe; Megan Nicholas from George Mason University; Catherine Fogden taking pictures for NMAI; Jennifer Zotigh, Hankie Poafpybitty Rajos, Lyle Barber, and many other young Natives.

July 30 – American Indian Inaugural Ball Committee (AIIBC) Chair Pete Homer and Mitchell Bush traveled to the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) headquarters on Capitol Hill for a meeting with NIGA Executive Director Mark Van Norman and NIGA staff members Dana Melton, Laura Hylden, Jan Atcity and Syd Colombe. NIGA has expressed an interest in being involved in 2009 inaugural week activities and plans to host a meeting on Monday, January 19, at the Hyatt Regency, Crystal City. A meeting between NIGA and AIIBC representatives was scheduled for Friday, August 1, at the Hyatt Regency... Later that afternoon the Morris K. Udall Foundation hosted a reception for its interns at the Rayburn Building on Capitol Hill. The interns were well groomed and well spoken. Director Colin Ben (Navajo) introduced the interns and invited them to address the audience. The interns came from the Shinnecock, Little Traverse Odawa, Yuchi-Creek, Pala, Crow, Fort Peck Sioux, Yupik, OK Cherokee, Navajo and Washoe Nations/Tribes. Before the interns spoke, complimentary soft/fruit drinks and tea sandwiches/desserts were served. Local folks who were invited to the reception included Dean Suagee, Debbie Brokenrope, Michael Nephew, Carolyn Harjo Littlefield, Jack Soto (WINS Director), Shawna Cook (NIGA), Ashley Martin and Mitchell Bush. The Vice President of the Navajo Nation, Ben Shelly, was in attendance and invited to speak. Congressman Udall spoke and informed the audience that his Navajo name means "Red Boy." Congressman Dale Kildee's presence was announced. Several Udall interns from previous years, who now work in Washington, were also present.

CONGRATULATIONS

Outstanding Club Member – Steve Miller
Distinguished Service Award – Keith Colston
Princess – Alexis Hill
Junior Princess – Tiombe Vaughan

AIS Scholarship Recipients

Kejon Cote	Raven Custalow
Johnnie Drew	Amanda Galloway
Catherine Hill	Kelvyn Mitchell
Antonio Segovia	Vanessa Van Pelt
Jessica Vigil	Theresa White

WHAT'S NEW

We sadly report that Cyril Taylor passed away last month. Cyril will be greatly missed by his many friends in AIS and the community.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AIS Meetings 1 st Wed. of every month: Sep 3/Oct 1/Nov 5/Dec 3 The Church of St. Clement Episcopal, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA
DC2N - D.C. NATIVE NETWORK – 2nd Wednesday of every month, noon-2:00 pm. What: Gathering to Share Information on Important Native Issues When: 2 nd Wed. of month, noon-2 PM – brown bag lunch Where: Room 300, Third Floor, The United Methodist Building, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Wash, DC
Sep 6-7 - 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. MC: Mel Whitebird. HM: Keith Anderson. HL: Adrienne Harmon. AD: Jay Hill. 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: Marilyn Jackson 302-945-3400 nanticok@verizon.net
Sep 7 (info for those attending Nanticoke Pow Wow) – 2008 Indian River Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary Buffett Breakfast, 7:30 am – 11 am, \$7 adults/\$3 children 6 & under/under 5 free.
Sep 11 - 7 PM, American Indian Inaugural Ball Committee Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Please RSVP to senecapaint@hotmail.com if you plan to attend.
Sep 13–14 – 16th Annual Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians Native American Festival, Ball Field in Vienna, MD. Rt. 50 East or West to Vienna MD & follow signs to ball field. Contact NWBOI Office: 410-376-3889
Sep 16 (Tuesday) 7:00 PM – AIS EXECUTIVE BOARD DINNER. Faye Lone, AIS Treasurer, will host the 2008 Executive Board Dinner at her home. She will prepare fry bread for Indian Tacos and attendees will bring taco fixins. Please RSVP to Faye.Lone@yahoo.com or 703-372-1361 (evenings) or 716 341-2479 (cell) if you plan to attend and to coordinate what you will bring. ADDRESS: 6709 Royal Thomas Way, Alexandria, VA 22315
Sep 20-21 – Nottoway Indian Tribe of VA Inc., People of the Longhouse, Pow Wow, Surry Parks & Recreation Center, Highway 10 at Highway 31, 205 Enos Farm Drive, Surry, VA 23883. Contact 757.654.9301 or 757.686.8602. Email: NottowayofVA@aol.com Admission General 12- Adult \$5/Seniors over 65..\$4/Children 7-11 \$2.
Sep 27-28 – Chickahominy Pow Wow, Chickahominy Tribal Grounds, Providence Forge, VA Contact: Keith Wynn 804-966-2448 or 804-829-2027 website www.chickahominytribe.org
Oct 18-19 - 15th Annual Healing of All Nations Fall Festival & Pau Wau sponsored by: Accohannock Indian Tribe and will be held at Bending Water Park, Marion Station, MD. Contact: Tribal Office 410-623-2660 accohannock@dmv
Nov 8-9, 9th Annual Clearfield Veterans Day Powwow..602 Mill Road..Clearfield, PA...Grand Entry 1PM and 6:30 PM, Saturday, and Sunday at 12:30PM....Contact Tom Taylor..724 693 0549.
Nov 15-16 – The Great American Indian Exposition and Pow Wow, The Showplace, 3000 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23223. Contact 202-532-0821 or powwow@vance.net . Website: http://www.myspace.com/powwow4life .
Nov 27 – AIS Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner
SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE COMPLETE LISTING OF UPCOMING EVENTS 2008 www.aisdc.org

American Indian Society of Washington, DC

Minutes – August 6, 2008

The Church of St. Clement - Episcopal, Alexandria, Virginia

President Michael Nephew called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and offered the opening prayer. The following members were present: Mitchell Bush, T. Carter, Karen Collins, Evans Craig, Phyllis/Tom David, Barbara Drifmeyer, Glen/Myra Dunwoody, Phoebe Farris, Eloise Giordano, Verde Halley, Pete Homer, Faye Lone, Michael Nephew, Nicole PastorKovich and Riccaree/Tiombe/Tahj Vaughan. No guests were present.

In the absence of Karen Rodriguez, secretary; the minutes of the meeting of July 2, 2008 were read by Karen Collins. There was NO quorum of officers so no approval or voting on issues could be taken. Barbara Drifmeyer gave the treasurer's report of the AIS accounts.

Old Business: **Scholarship** Committee report was given by Phyllis David. Proposal that \$8,000 in scholarships be granted with \$1,000 each to 6 full time student members; \$500 each to 2 full time student non-members; and \$500 each to 2 part time student members. The students represent 10 different colleges from California, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Virginia, and Washington. Half of the scholarship money will be given for the first semester and the second half given in January when grades and registration for the

second semester is received by AIS. Since this needs to be handled by anniversary this weekend, a show of hands by members present was taken to provide the Executive Board with the desire of the membership. Discussion held as to what could be done for the two applicants who mailed their paper work late and they weren't received before the due date. **American Indian Inaugural Ball (AIIB)** report was given by Pete Homer. We are two weeks away from mail out...meeting with Apesanakhwat held while he was in town. Other meetings were held with NCAI, NIGA and the Hyatt Hotel. The committee asked for approval of resolution for Pete Homer to sign the hotel contract. Since this needs to be handled before the next meeting a show of hands by members present was taken to provide the Executive Board with the desire of the membership. A **Property** Report was read by T. Carter in the absence of Kathleen Dorn. Two stoves, propane bottles and a small refrigerator are missing from the pavilion, taken without permission. Why store any valuables in the pavilion if it is not secured? Several recommendations and suggestions were offered as to repair and replace the trailer doors, and replace doors with metal type with locks. Need more responsible storage and handling of keys. Keys may be made and given to members of the Board and Property Committee. Put bars on the windows or board them up. Consideration of these recommendations as security of these buildings need to be addressed. Replacement doors for white trailer already obtained by Tom and Phyllis David from Habitat for Humanity. Possibility of costs of \$1000 to reframe doorways on both trailers, and replace and reframe all doors and locks on the Pavilion. Property Committee does not recommend replacement of stoves in the pavilion at this time. Michael Nephew reported on the **BIKING TRIP** that was held August 3, 2008 from the National Museum of the American Indian to the Lincoln Memorial and across Memorial Bridge. As the group crossed the bridge, two eagles flew around them overhead. They are nesting on the little island in the Potomac River. Other trips will be made on September 14, October 12, and November 9; and a meeting place will be announced once routes are determined,

New Business: **AWARDS: Distinguished Service Award** nominee is Keith Colston. **Outstanding Club Member Award** nominees are Steve Miller, Barbara Drifmeyer, Steve Hill and Keevin Lewis. Since this needs to be handled by anniversary this weekend, a show of hands by members present was taken to provide the Executive Board with the desire of the membership. The membership recommendation is Keith Colston by acclamation for the Distinguished Service award and Steve Miller for the Outstanding Club Member. Elizabeth Rule and Lea Snay-Hill were nominated for **Princess**. Nayko Lone, Haley Dawson, Alexis Hill, and Tiombe Vaughan were nominated for **Junior Princess**. **August 10, 2008** - Awards will be presented and voting for the Princess and Junior Princess will take place at the picnic - Karen Collins will give ballots to members with dues paid. Anniversary of 42 years will be held at the Burgundy Community Center, 5516 Norton Road, Alexandria, Virginia. (Check www.aisdc.org for directions.)...12 Noon is setup...1-4pm is picnic and games...4-5pm is cleanup and closing.

Announcements – Aug. 16, International Night Party at Faye Lone's home... Aug 29-Sep 1, 10th Annual Two Moons Memorial Powwow... **September 6-7, Nanticoke Powwow, Millsboro, Delaware – HELP IS NEEDED IN THE TACO BOOTH.** AIS will have 3 motel rooms for Mitchell Bush, Eve Hill and Karen Collins, Friday and Saturday nights... Sep 20-21, Nottoway Powwow... Sep 28, Co-sponsor OPEN STUDIO..Phoebe Ferris, 3519 16th Street NW, Wash.DC, for the Obama Campaign... Sep 27-28, Chickahominy Fall Festival & Powwow... Nov 8-9, 9th Annual Clearfield Veterans Day Powwow.

Having no further business, and no quorum to adjourn, the meeting was dismissed. The next meeting will be September 3, 2008 at the Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Collins

Executive Board Actions:

The Executive board was presented the membership recommendations on the AIS Scholarship Committee recommendation, the Inaugural Ball Committee's resolution for Pete Homer to have signature authority for Inaugural Ball contracts, the Distinguished Service and Outstanding Clubmember Awards. The Board approved all these actions. – Submitted Michael Nephew.



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