



# AMERICAN INDIAN SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON DC

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**DECEMBER 2003**

**November 1-2** – The Four Bay Winds 1st annual Native American Indian Gathering 2003 was held at the Lockhouse in Havre de Grace, MD, hosted by the City of Havre de Grace, Susquehanna Museum & the Upper Chesapeake Council of the Good Medicine Society. The weather was perfect except the groundwater in the pow wow area seeped up both evenings. Of course, the site was right along the Susquehanna River. Head staff consisted of emcee Tiny Bear Rineer; arena director, Lou Eagle Warrior Levin; Head Female Dancer, June Spirit Tracker Levin; Host drum, Iroquois Thunderheart. AIS members who took part as vendors included Gary/Sharon Schoch & the AIS information booth handled by Mitchell Bush. Guest drum was the Mother Earth's Daughters. AIS members who danced included Lou/June, Cathy Pressley, Crow Alexander & Mary Lecis. AIS members/friends who turned out for moral support were John Smith, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Mike Wolf, Allen Snow, Theresa Negron & Clarence Standsblack. Clarence was driving to DE with his wife & baby when he noticed the pow wow while crossing the bridge over the Susquehanna River & decided to check it out. The pow wow was well organized including camping on the site for participants. The pow wow committee under the direction of Rev. Amy Paul had a giveaway toward the close of the event & announced that they would host another pow wow on Oct. 15-16, 2004.

**November 5** – Michael Nephew/Machel Monenerkit/Terry Snowball/Tanya Thrasher/Jackie Swift met for dinner before the AIS monthly meeting at Fairlington Pizza. Meanwhile at the Bradlee Shopping Center, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush had dinner at the Atlantis Restaurant. Gene Barnes was running late and visited the group at the Atlantis but ate next door at the Subway Shop.

**November 8**– AITCO (American Indian Inter-Tribal Cultural Organization) hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Veterans' pow wow celebration at Central Middle School in Edgewater, MD. Head staff included emcee Clayton Old Elk; Arena Director Jay Hill; Head Man/Lady Dancers Walter/Justine Reed; Host drum White Oak (Wayne Howard/Will & Delvin Reeves/Enos Baker/Clayton Old Elk) & Sweet Water (Jonathan Fischer/Manuel Rodriguez). Color Guard was VEVITA (Richard Begay/Doug Hall/Rolinda Benally/Amy Wolf). AIS members/friends who served as vendors included Paul/ Ella Halchack, Sewell Fitzhugh, Mark/Joyce Tayac, Linda Steele, Chuck/Danita Tsinnie, Sharon Folger, Greg Fisher & the AIS information booth manned by Mitchell Bush/Karen Collins. Karen primarily sold raffle tickets on the Pendleton AIS is raffling Dec. 6. The performing group Native Trails, consisting of Aztec dancers/singers & Plains dancers (including Randy Teton), stopped by to entertain. AIS members who turned out for moral support included Georgia Gibson, Eve/Tim/Steve/Phil/Theresa/Edna/Josh Hill, Jose Campos, Pete Montalvo, Tia Gibbs/ Nicklaus Hill, Erlette LaMont, Cathi Obenstine/Lexie Obenstine-Hill, Karen Rodriguez, Sierra/Raven/Leah Snay, Petey Montalvo, Andrea/Wee Wee Campos, Kathy Frick, Suzanne Adkins, Tammy Umble, Miles Brandon, Marcos/Laura Almanza, Chuck/Judy Gray, Kathy/Maggie Fischer, Dana Padgett/Ashley Gerard, Debbie Sweitzer, Laura Alvarez, Tavf Berryhill & Steve Oge. Richard Begay brought by his new (& 1st) grandbaby, Jaelen Sessions Begay, born 10/7/03, to his daughter Laura.

**November 8-9** – The Native Youth Alliance canceled the Veterans' pow wow scheduled for the Washington Monument grounds.

**November 9** – The Six Nations of Virginia held a Honoring All Veterans Pow wow at the Upper Mattaponi Pow wow Grounds in King William, VA. Head staff consisted of emcee Keith Colston, Head Male Dancer Jimmy Adkins, Sr., Head Lady Dancer Marion Holiday; Arena Director, Michael Nephew, and the Color Guard the Virginia Nations Color Guard under the leadership of Glen Canaday. AIS members who took part as vendors included Don Harris and Michelle McCarthy. AIS members who turned out for moral support included Karenne Wood (Chair, Virginia Council on Indians), Vicki Eastridge, Red Shoes Taylor, Arlene Townsend and Mitchell Bush.

**November 10** – Nathan Phillips conducted a pipe ceremony at the Grandfather Plaque in Arlington National Cemetery under the watchful eye of a large hawk circling lazily overhead and calling out to him. Others present for the ceremony included Shoshana Konstant, Zakiah/Alethea Phillips, Bryan Higgins and Sacheen Baez from Ohio and Mitchell Bush/Manuel Rodriguez/Pat Pearson.

**November 11** – The American Indian/Alaskan Native Student Association at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, hosted a pow wow/social in Dewberry Hall of the Johnson Center. Megan Nicholas (daughter of AIS member Dave Nicholas) & Valerie Shirey (daughter of AIS member Julie Yates) are the President & Vice President of the association, respectively. Clayton Old Elk served as emcee. White Oak (Wayne Howard/Clayton Old Elk/Enos Baker/Will/Delvin Reeves) and Black Bear (Don/Pete Neconie, Paige Burgess, Jeff Bailey, Dan Addi, Colin DeMaio, Mike Rose, Samuel Cozad) were the drums. Head Man Dancer was Michael Nephew and Head Lady Dancer was Sierra Reeves. Jay Hill served as Arena Director. Vendors included Sharon Folger, Joyce Tayac, Pete Yazzie (Indian taco booth) & the AIS information booth manned by Mitchell Bush and Gene Barnes. Among the many local folks who turned out for moral support or to dance were Josh Hill, Tavf Berryhill, Justine/Walter Reed, Doug Hall, Evelyn/Jacob Nicholas, Georgianna/Anna/Dora Old Elk Erlette LaMont, David Cummings, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Richard Begay, Amy

Wolf, Julie Yates, Gerald Umble, Mary Lecis, Fred/Brenda Miller, Candy/Nicole Carmi, Randy Curley, Christine/Sasha/Tahnee Poafpybitty, Nancy Fox, Juanita Neconie, Karen Collins, Arthur/Anita/Alana/Mariah Fields and Thomas Takes The Horse.

**November 12** – The Department of Commerce hosted a National American Indian Heritage Month activity at its downtown offices. The emcee for the program was Toney Begay, White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities, Native American blessing by Vince Redhouse, Grammy nominated flute player, a musical/dance performance by Jackie Bird, traditional dancer & Indian blues singer and closing remarks by Toney Begay. In the lobby, a trade fair and Indian food sampling were held. Participating were Chuck/Danita Tsinnie, Greg Fisher, Christine/Chip Whitewolf and Mitchell Bush. Ann French was the escort for the entertainers.

**November 15** – An American Indian Festival was held at the executive office building in Rockville, MD. Vendors included Ray Couch, Anselm Davis, Gary/Sharon Schoch, Pete Yazzie, Greg Fisher, Christine/Chip Whitewolf, Chuck/Danita/Katrina Tsinnie, Michael/Kiros Auld, Joe/Angie Keener, Joyce Tayac and the AIS booth manned by Mitchell Bush. Mitchell sold Pendleton blanket raffle tickets, Leanin Tree Christmas cards/posters & Tree of Peace prints. The emcee was Marvin Burnett and the drum was Blackbear. Soundman was Dave Henderson and Juanita Neconie was the Chief Cook. Karen Rodriguez worked in the festival's raffle booth & Manuel Rodriguez helped Michael Nephew in getting the place set up for the festival. Local folks who turned out for moral support included Mary Mallett, Jill Erickson, Erlette LaMont, Jay/Josh Hill, Justine/Walter Reed, Rosa Pittman, Debbie Sweitzer, Jay Nightwolf, Ray Silva, Rico Newman, Rick/Jean Harrison, Michael Nephew, Richard Begay, Amy Wolf, Doug Hall, Clayton/Georgianna Old Elk, Michelle Bird, Luis/Turquoise Zapata, Margo Williams, Darlene Farmer, Fredericka Joseph, Donita Schifano, Cyril/Marie Taylor, Marcella/Justin Giles, Gina Rosario, Ellen Trancosa, Joe Vasquez, Jr., Tahnee/Sasha Poafpybitty, Fred/Mercedes Osborne, Phyllis David, Marion Higgins, Athena Brown, Ann French, Val Mason, Terry Snowball/Machel Monenerkit, Georgia Gibson, Priscilla Baca, Shawndae/Vivian/Haley Dawson, Orietta Cuellar, Nancy Fox, Sandy Johnson and Michelle Sauve.

**November 15** – The National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) and Class Acts Arts hosted The Allegany River Indian Dancers under the leadership of Bill Crouse (Seneca) at the NOAA Auditorium in Silver Spring, MD, from 4-5 p.m. followed by an Iroquois social dance. The AIS sold Indian tacos, fry bread and corn soup at the social dance. AIS sold over \$500 in Indian foods and netted \$410 for the Society. Our thanks to the folks who worked in the fry bread/taco stand – Ed/Angie Collins, Carol LaVallie Bauer, Cathi Obenstine/Phil Hill, Christian Van Pelt, Chuck/Judy Gray, Theresa Snay, Eve Hill, Machel Monenerkit, Tom/Phyllis David, Steve Hill/Tia Gibbs and Karen Collins.

**November 18** – The Immigration and Naturalization Services hosted an American Indian heritage celebration at their offices in the Government Accounting Office building in downtown Washington. Mitchell Bush brought a cultural exhibit, Verde Halley demonstrated dawa weaving and the group presented a short dance program. Nathan Phillips sang and Mitchell, Verde & Shoshana Konstant and Zakiah/Alethea Phillips danced.

**November 18**–The Virginia Council on Indians (VCI) held a meeting at the State Capitol in Richmond, VA. VCI members present included Karenne Wood (Chair), Dante Desiderio, Reginald Stewart, Buck Woodard, Nita Smith, Frank Adams, Danielle Moretti-Langholtz, Dan McGuire & Deanna Beacham. Guests included Chief Ken Adams, Joanne Curnutt, Anne Adam, Pinky Smith, Edmond Adams, Gerard Epps, Becky Hebert, William Cumbo, Faye Adams, Amy Ritchie, Ross Richardson & Angela Daniel...Old Business: Discussion on Powhatan Statue proposal by Dan McGuire at Oct. meeting. Several concerns expressed. Decision made that VCI would send a letter to the chiefs outlining ways that had been proposed in which the tribes could utilize funds related to 2007 including a conference, the book & statue with language indicating that there had been some objections to the statue. Danielle will help craft letter. Chief Adams expressed a concern - he had heard that if the tribes did not participate in 2007 activities, someone outside the Indian community would speak for them...Karenne gave an update on the NMAI Eastern stone selection for the Cardinal Directions Markers project-selection staff found a good candidate for the eastern stone at Piney Branch Creek in an old Native quarry...Danielle gave an update on the Americorp grant program. Dante will contact all the tribes soon to obtain a final answer as to whether they want to participate...New Business: Becky Hebert from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine gave a short presentation on medical information services available through her organization, which was favorably received & she was asked to make the same presentation at the Mar. 2004 annual conference...The Dept. of Historic Resources has presented 2 new or changed historical markers that concern Indians of VA to Council members for review...Nita advised that the Nansemond Tribe would go before the City of Suffolk town council on 12/3 to ask that the tribe be given the 100 acres of land promised 3 years ago by the city. She asked VCI to write a letter of support. VCI agreed...Project Reports: Werowocomoco project...Oral History project...Karenne reported on a presentation she made for the National Endowment for Humanities about collaboration between VA tribes & academic communities...Announcements: Tribal tax tribute...Christmas dinners by the Chickahominy & Upper Mattaponi...VCI has submitted legislative changes for the next General Assembly...VCI will meet with the US Navy & College of William & Mary about excavation of Native archaeological sites...Karenne met with the VA Foundation of Humanities about use of the VCI website to distribute info. on educational resources. The VFH could make a grant available for this

purpose...VCI has asked to be considered an interested party in consulting on further developments on the King William Reservoir Project...Next business meeting is Jan. 20. There will be exec. meetings of the Council on Nov. 25 & Dec. 2.

**November 19** – The US Army Test & Evaluation Command hosted an American Indian/Alaskan Native Heritage Month activity at the Ford Building in Arlington, VA. The guest speaker was Charles Chibitty, the last surviving Comanche code talker. A short Indian dance program was presented. Mitchell Bush served as emcee, Nathan Phillips as the singer and dancers were Shoshana Konstant, Zakiah/Alethea Phillips, Verde Halley and Mitchell. Indian food was prepared and served by Eve Hill/Theresa Snay and Christian Van Pelt. Guests who turned out for this occasion included EJ Carter and Skip/Sascha Whitewolf.

**November 20** – The US Coast Guard hosted an American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month ceremony at its headquarters in southwest DC. Mervin Savoy, tribal chairwoman of the Piscataway Conoy of MD was the speaker. The Soaring Eagles Dance Troupe from the Baltimore Indian Center performed and Mitchell Bush set up a cultural exhibit. An American Indian food sampling using recipes was presented.

**November 22** – Justin Giles who works for the National Museum of the American Indian arranged for local folks to take part in the filming of the threshold, part of the OUR LIVES GALLERY to be a part of the NMAI. Among the several dozen people who came to be photographed were Marcella Giles, Tavf Berryhill, Bradley/Regina Barnett, Nick Provost, Mitchell Bush and Keevin Lewis' parents...From there, Mitchell went up the street to the Fondo del Sol to attend a show called "Surviving Genocide – In Memory of Anacaona" by A. Michael Auld. On the panel with Michael was Roerto Borrero, Director of the United Confederation of Taino People (UCTP). Local folks in attendance included Cyril/Marie Taylor, Jay Nightwolf, Rico Newman, Michael/Kiros Auld and Mitchell Bush.

**November 26** – Governor Mark R. Warner & Ms. Lisa Collis (his wife) hosted a private breakfast for a specially invited group of VA Indians & supporters at the Executive Mansion in Richmond on behalf of Chief Carl Custalow (Mattaponi) & Chief Bill Miles (Pamunkey). The Mattaponi & Pamunkey Tribes made their annual tax tribute to the Governor. The tribute, two young buck deer, were presented to the Governor along with pottery gifts from both tribes. Governor Warner issued a proclamation declaring the day as American Indian Day in VA. The Governor noted that Chiefs of the Monacan, Upper Mattaponi, Eastern Chickahominy & Chickahominy were among the guests. Members of the Rappahannock Tribe & the Nansemond were also present. In addition to representatives of the eight state-recognized tribes, guests included Liz Walker (lobbyist for VITAL), Karenne Wood (Chair, VA Council on Indians), Danielle Moretti Langholtz (VCI member), Reeva Tilley (former VCI Chair), Shirley McGowan, Mark Custalow (who sang several young Mattaponi female dancers), Diane Beacham, Pinky/Nita Smith, Willie Hensley (Eskimo who works in Washington) & Mitchell Bush. The Governor also announced the presence of Delegates Floyd Miles/Lyle McDougal & Frank Adams (Upper Mattaponi), newly elected member of the King William Board of Supervisors. The event was covered by Channel 6, the RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH & the WASHINGTON POST.

**November 27** – The American Indian Society hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Clement's Church in Alexandria, VA. The workers were there right at 3 p.m. to set up the tables, chairs & put table coverings in place. By 4 p.m., the foods had arrived & the folks were ready to eat. Michael Nephew gave the blessing of the food. Those who turned out for the dinner included Michael Nephew, Karen/Manuel Rodriguez, Karen Collins, Chuck/Judy Gray, Darlene French, Michael/Edward/Angie Collins, Fred/Mercedes Osborne, Frank/Clenta Grayshield, Dawn/Charlotte Anderson, Charles/Karen Lessard, Tony Begay, Ted/Carol Bauer, Richard/Sally/Theresa White, Bill/Peggy/David Blair, Francine/ Bill Worthington, Jackie Swift & Barney/Dylan/Notah McCabe, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush. Our thanks to all of you who helped with the cleanup of the hall.

**November 30** – Mercedes Osborne cooked/served a turkey dinner with all the traditional trimmings at her home in Dale City, VA. Guests included her husband, Fred (Jr.), his father, Fred (Sr.), Karen Collins, Chuck/Judy Gray, Cyril/Marie Taylor, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush. After the meal, Fred (Jr. & Sr.), Verde and Mitchell watched the Patriots (38) and the Colts (34) on Fred's new flat screen television...Mitchell left early to go back to Indian Pines where he joined Nathan/Zakiah/Alethea/Jake Phillips and Shoshana Konstant who built a ceremonial fire to end the four year cycle of having an Indian presence on The Mall in November. After prayers by the adults, the ceremonial fire was allowed to die out. A new cycle will begin this Spring. The Confederate Hunt Club located behind Indian Pines donated venison to Mitchell which will be used for the "New Yea" ceremony on New Year's Day.

### **CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

Sun., Dec. 21 – J. Winter Nightwolf and Jeff Ball will perform at the Harmony Hall Concert Hall, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD, 6-10 p.m. Cost \$25 per person. Proceeds to benefit The Human Family Peace & Wellness Center (see flyer). Call 202-544-4478 for further info.

Thur., Jan. 1 – Mitchell Bush will host his annual "New Yea" day and Verde Halley will host a dinner at Indian Pines in Ruther Glen, VA. "New Yea" at 2 p.m., dinner at 3 p.m. Please RSVP to 804-448-3707.

Wed., Jan. 7 – AIS monthly meeting at St. Clement's Church, 1701 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 17 – Morning Star Celebration benefit pow wow at John Carroll School, Bel Air, MD (see flyer).

Sun., Jan. 18 – Native Youth Alliance Winter Pow wow. Watch for location & time to be distributed later.

**WHAT'S NEW**

Get well, quick! to Gordon Delorimiere and Chuck Van Pelt who are recovering from their illnesses. Gordon had a stroke and Chuck had heart bypass surgery... Congratulations to Mel Whitebird and Charlotte Fitzgerald who were married on 11/10/2003... Bob/Ruth Obenstine who moved to New Mexico in late October returned to the DC area to spend Thanksgiving with their local representatives...Dottie Tiger has returned to Albuquerque to live... AIS thanks the following donors: Scholarship Fund: Don Harris, Larry Hothem, Barbara James, Smith Group, SG Employees; Other Monetary Donations: D. Jeanette Couch, Patricia Pearson, Estate of Helen Harris Biggs; Sasha Poafpybitty for donuts for crafts bazaar (& K Rodriguez-coffee); ALL who took part in Native American Heritage Month performances/presentations in which partial proceeds went to AIS; and ALL who helped with the fundraising taco booth, primarily the Collins and Hill families...DUES ARE DUE on January 1, 2004, for most of you (\$20 family, \$15 individual, \$17 sub). For your convenience, little scissors will appear on your mailing label if your dues have not been paid for over a year and your name is in danger of being removed from the mailing list...

Well, folks, that's it for this year. See you NEXT YEAR!

**DECEMBER 2003**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> AIS Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Indian Prayer Breakfast US Capitol, 8 - 9 am	<b>6</b> AIS Christmas Bazaar & Party, St. Clements
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Indian Prayer Breakfast US Capitol, 8 - 9 am	<b>13</b> AISES Christmas Party/Potluck 3-7 pm
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Indian Prayer Breakfast US Capitol, 8 - 9 am	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Nightwolf Live Radio Broadcast Benefit (featuring Jeff Ball)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas	<b>26</b> Indian Prayer Breakfast US Capitol, 8 - 9 am	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

**JANUARY 2004**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Happy New Year	<b>2</b> Indian Prayer Breakfast US Capitol, 8 - 9 am	<b>3</b>
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<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Martin Luther King Jr Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Indian Prayer Breakfast US Capitol, 8 - 9 am	<b>24</b>
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With  
J. Winter Nightwolf, host of  
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**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Morning Star  
Celebration**  
**Saturday, January 17, 2004**

Location: John Carroll School, Bel Air, MD  
Times: Doors open at 11:00 a.m.  
Grand Entry at 1 p.m.  
Feed for singers, dancers and elders at 4 p.m.  
Evening dancing begins at 5:30 p.m.

A benefit Pow Wow for St Labre Indian School  
Ashland, Montana

This event has raised over \$5000.00 for St Labre in the first 3-years. Donations by drum groups, dancers, & spectators have been very generous. The public is welcome to come out & enjoy a day that celebrates American Indian song, dance, food and art. It is also a day that supports the Cheyenne & Crow children that benefit from St. Labre.

A \$3.00 donation for adults, and \$1.00 for children is requested.

Special Feature for 2004  
The Head Dancers will be students from St Labre Indian School Help us provide a warm traditional welcome to our guests from St Labre. They honor us with their service as Head Dancers. Your support for the Morning Star Celebration will be an expression of thanks and respect to our special guests from Montana.

**12<sup>TH</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Red Creek Festival**  
March 13, 2004  
Kline Center-Gym: Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA

Head Lady Dancer: Amy Orris, Yankton-Dakota from Harrisburg Pa  
Head Man Dancer: Manny Gutierrez, from Oley Pa  
Emcee: Clayton Old Elk, Crow Arena Director: Mark Hulsenpiller  
Indian Nations Warriors and Veterans Honor Color Guard  
Berry McClaskey, Director

Host Drum:  
Sweet Water - Wayne Cave (Pennsylvania & Maryland)  
Guest Drums:  
MacKenzie River Singers - Dean Hugebeck (Ravenna, Ohio)  
Windy Hill Singers – Chuck Newcomb (Tulsa, Oklahoma)  
Southern Drum (To be announced)

Grand Entry at 1 and 7 p.m. Gourd Dance at 12 Noon  
Great Lakes Kiowa Tai-Pai Society & friends  
All Gourd Dancers are welcomed to dance  
Story Teller and Cultural Workshops 5-6 p.m.

Doors open to public at 10 a.m.  
Vendors by invitation only...Contact: Larry Gantz at 717-677-7814  
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Admission: Adults \$4.00; Students \$3.00; Golden Age \$3.00;  
Children under 6 Free

Dinner meal for Elders, Singers, Dancers  
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American Indian Society of Washington, DC  
Minutes – December 3, 2003  
St. Clement’s Church, Alexandria, VA

President Michael Nephew called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm. The following members were present: Mitchell Bush, Karen Collins, Phyllis/Tom David, Eve Hill, Carol LaVallee-Bauer, Machel Monenerkit, Michael Nephew, Patricia/Charity Pearson, Nathan Phillips, Karen Rodriguez, Jackie Swift, Tanya Thrasher, Marietta VanPelt/Cody Adams, and Sally White. No guests were present.

The minutes of the November 5, 2003 meeting were read by Karen Rodriguez & approved with the following correction: Vanessa VanPelt’s son, Calvin, was born on October 19, 2003, and weighed 9 lbs. 14 oz. Machel Monenerkit gave the treasurer’s report of our accounts.

**Old Business:** Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner: About 45 people attended, 5 made reservations. Good food and variety... Iroquois Social/Taco Booth: Fundraiser cleared about \$410. About 20 workers... Rockville Festival went real well and had a good turnout... Pendleton Raffle Sales: between \$300 & \$400 with final sales at AIS Christmas Bazaar and drawing at close of bazaar. Nine vendors signed up for bazaar, plus bookfare and Indian foods. Sasha Poafpybitty is donating donuts for the morning. Can use Baptist Church parking lot for overflow. Bazaar followed by Christmas Party/potluck.

**New Business:** Michelle Dunsford called regarding Inagural Ball/pressure from Hyatt. Hyatt invited committee members to be guests in their private box at 12/19 hockey game with meeting after. Will send info... Discussed possibility of hosting a social on the Mall during NMAI opening week activities. Since NMAI is not having a powwow it would be good to have social dancing – especially since many will be in regalia for the parade. NMAI opens on September 21, 2004, and there will be a variety of events all week. Discussed possibility of hosting a social dance or other activity such as a picnic or buffalo barbeque. Michael Nephew will attend NMAI meeting...

**Announcements:** Mel Whitebird and Charlotte Fitzgerald were married on November 10, 2003.... Chuck VanPelt had double bypass surgery & they are working on getting his medications regulated... MEMBERSHIP DUES due January 1, 2004. Must be received no later than January 31 to remain a “member in good standing” for 2004... AISES has invited AIS members to their Christmas Party/potluck on December 13, 3-7 pm, at Tiber Island Community Room, Washington, DC... Nathan Phillips announced that they have been working on the sweat lodge area at Indian Pines and will have a sweat this Sunday for elders in need of prayer – open to all... Nathan read a letter from Shoshana Konstant-Phillips, NYA Program Coordinator thanking all who participated in the Tipi on the Mall the last four years and for all contributions, with a special thanks to AIS for use of the firepan. They plan to continue during the next four years, plus 30-days this May... Dr. Richard F. Gillum, an AIS member, sent a chapbook of poetry and short prose entitled “Joining the Circle 2003” promoted by the writers workshop of the annual Eastern Shawnee Powwow which contained several of his works... Two phone calls received: one from Crow in Alaska who says “HI” and sent Holiday Wishes and the other from June in New Mexico... Some news coverage on PFC Sheldon Hawk Eagle, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, who was killed on November 14 in Northern Iraq when two U.S. helicopters crashed... Mitchell Bush attended the Virginia Tribes’ tribute at the Governor’s Mansion.

Having no further business, Tom David made a motion, seconded by Pat Pearson, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will be January 7, 2004, at St. Clement’s Church, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Karen L. Mallicoat-Rodriguez*  
Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez – Secretary

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On occasion, I have been emailing information/updates to AIS members who have provided email addresses. If you have not yet provided AIS with an email address, or if you have mailing address or other changes, you may email them to: [secretary@aisdc.org](mailto:secretary@aisdc.org). or mail to our Post Office Box.

**REMINDER**  
**2004 MEMBERSHIP DUES**  
**DUE JANUARY 1, 2004**

Must be paid by January 31, 2004 to remain a member in good standing and be eligible for voting in 2004.  
 \$20 FAMILY, \$15 INDIVIDUAL, \$17 SUBSCRIPTION

**NOTICE**

If you have a ✂ on your MAILING LABEL our records reflect that dues were not paid in 2003 and you will be dropped from the Newsletter mailing unless 2004 Dues are received by January 31, 2004 (beginning with the FEB/MAR 2004 Newsletter)

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