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Oct 8-10 - In the article on “A Service of Honor and Healing” in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, we failed to include the names of John Wigle and his family who also traveled there for the ceremony. The service acknowledged the culpability of the Paxton Boys in the destruction of the Conestoga Village in the Lancaster area. The Paxton Boys also harassed/robbed the Tuscarora Indians on their migration from North Carolina to New York State. The Tuscaroras sought peace under the Tree of Peace and have joined their Haudenosaunee brothers and sisters.

Nov 1 – In celebration of the Native American Month, Old Dominion University’s Office of Intercultural Relations, in conjunction with the Cheroenhaka Nottoway Indian Tribe of Southampton County, Virginia, hosted a Native (First) Americans mini festival and forum highlighting Iroquoian, Siouan and Algonquin history, culture and traditions. The festival began with a dozen or so vendors, including Ray/Angel Couch. This was followed by a mini powwow featuring about twenty dancers and two drums, Four Rivers and Na-ma-wo-chi. Michael Butler sings with Four Rivers and OT Mathews with Na-ma-wo-chi. Grand entry was led by the Cheroenhaka Color Guard who took the colors out at the close of the dancing. The dancing ended with a performance by the Louis Salinas Aztec Dancers. After a forum featuring Mitchell Bush (Onondaga); Vicky Ferguson (Monacan), Chief Marilyn Berry Morrison (Roanoke-Hatteras NC Algonquin) and Chief Walt “Red Hawk” Brown (Cheroenhaka Nottoway) were presented. The mini festival was well attended by students who asked pertinent questions after the speakers finished.

Nov 3 – Karen Collins, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez and Mitchell Bush met for dinner at the Atlantis Restaurant in the Bradlee Shopping Center near the Church of St. Clements where the monthly AIS meetings are held. Eloise Giordano stopped by to deliver a copy of INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY which carried a story about a Black Indian’s treatment at the Chickahominy powwow.

Nov 3 – National Advisory Council on Indian Education inducted its new board of directors. Michael Nephew provided the closing prayer. In attendance were Faye Lone, Annabelle Toledo, Wilson Pipestem/Brenda Toinetta-Pipestem, and Jack Soto. *Submitted by Michael Nephew*

Nov 4 – The Department of Education/Southwest Interagency Committee hosted the 2010 National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month Observance promoting healthy families, cultures and the environment at the Department of Health and Human Services’ Hubert H. Humphrey Building in Southwest Washington. The keynote speaker was Joy Harjo (Muscogee Tribe) with Indian music provided by Black Bear (Pete and Don Neconie/Jay and Josh Hill/Greg Sharpe/Judy Cummings/Justine Hill/Katy Issenock/Nita One Bear). Juanita Neconie provided a traditional food sampling at noon.

Nov 5-7 – Powwow, Inc. hosted the 15th annual Fredericksburg Powwow at the Fredericksburg Agricultural Fairgrounds, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Friday was an American Indian Program for Schools. Head staff consisted of Keith Colston (emcee) and Stoney Creek (host drum). The powwow featured Native American singing and dancing, craft demonstrations, storytelling, face painting, a tipi and Native American food. The FREE/LANCE-STAR carried a photo of a couple of the powwow participants in street garb in its 11/8/2010 edition.

Nov 6 – The Intertribal Women’s Circle (IWC) hosted the IWC Round Dance on the River on the Pamunkey Indian Reservation. Karen Collins, Rob Brown and Mitchell Bush arrived early and set Karen’s 10 x 20 tent up, mostly to act as a windbreaker from the cool breezes coming off the Pamunkey River. A little later, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez and Verde Halley arrived and joined about sixty people who turned out. After a virtual feast, Stump Town sang for social dancing. After the round dance, DJ Robby set up so those so inclined could mix it up “Old School Style” and we don’t mean the Charleston! In addition to those mentioned already, Debora Moore and her mother Mildred, Beth Roach, Joanne Curnutt, Dave Holland, Mary Hope Billings, Christine Hershey, Allard/Chief Lynette Allston, Crystal Joyner, Rick/Kim Knight, Beverly Yazzie, and the Pamunkey Chief, Robert Gray, attended.

Nov 9 – The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) observed National American Indian Heritage Month with a program in the Sidney Yates Auditorium, Interior Department, in Washington, DC. The theme for this year's observance is "Life is Sacred – Celebrate Healthy Native Communities." The program featured Mark N. Trahunt (Shoshone-Bannock), Editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligences and a presentation by Don Chapman (Pequot), Senior Advisor on Native Affairs, Commerce Department. Juanita Neconie provided a sampling of Native foods. Also, an exhibit showcasing American Indian arts and crafts was displayed on the 4th floor of the Interior Department.

Nov 10 – Virginia Governor McDonnell issued a proclamation designating November as American Indian Heritage Month. Chiefs of nine of the eleven state recognized tribes attended the invitation only event held in the Old House Chamber at the Virginia State Capitol. Those tribes were the Upper Mattaponi, Nansemond, Eastern Chickahominy, Chickahominy, Nottoway, Mattaponi, Pamunkey, Patawomack and Cheroenhaka Nottoway. Chiefs of the Rappahannock and Monacan did not attend.

Nov 10 – The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) presented a National Native American Heritage Month program at offices in Arlington, Virginia. Following opening remarks, Keith Colston and Keith Cox presented several powwow dances with one singing and the other dancing and then switching. The guest speaker, Mitchell Bush, was introduced and spoke for about twenty minutes. The two Keiths came back for additional dances including a round dance done by the visiting students and ATEC staff members. The program closed with presentations by the Technical Director, followed by an ethnic food sampling. From there, the two Keiths and Mitchell traveled to George Mason University (GMU) in Fairfax, Virginia, to attend the GMU Powwow.... GMU hosted its 8th annual Veterans Powwow in Dewberry Hall, Johnson Center. Doors opened at noon with grand entry around 1:15 p.m. From 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. there were intertribals and exhibitions, including a presentation by Aztec dancers. At 5:00 p.m., there was a Veterans Honor Ceremony. Mary Phillips played "TAPS" on a trumpet to close the ceremony. Gifts of bags of coffee were given to the veterans who participated. The colors were retired and a feast was served featuring Indian taco fixings, chicken and rice soup, sheet cake and Chi Cha, a Peruvian drink. After the feast, the dancing resumed, the powwow committee held a giveaway and the powwow came to the end. The powwow committee consisted of Rashelle Simpson (Monacan/Cherokee), Hannah Sheffield (Quechan), Don Brimmer (Choctaw/Cherokee), Adam Ferguson (Cheroenhaka Nottoway), Laura Wen, Kerry Desjardins, Meg Nicholas (Munsee Delaware), T Carter, Dr. Shaoxian Yu and Dr. Eric Anderson. Head staff consisted of Lawrence Baker (emcee), Lawrence's flight was delayed so Keith Colston filled in for him until he arrived. Manuel Rodriguez was arena director; Nicholas/Dora Birdshead were the head man/lady dancers; Alexis Hill/Alexander Fire Walker were head junior girl/boy dancers; Red Blanket Singers were the host drum; Black Bear, Northern Boys and Stoney Creek were invited drums. Singing with Black Bear were Pete Neconie, Jay and Josh Hill, Greg Sharpe, Phil Hill, and Dennis Montoya. Color Guards were the American Legion Post 177 for the first grand entry and substituting for the GMU ROTC were Fred Nordhorn and Gene Barnes. Vendors included Sharon Folgar, Gary/Sharon Schoch, Jeff/EJ Carter, and the AIS Booth manned by Karen Collins, Verde Halley, Gene Barnes and Mitchell Bush. Local folks who danced including those already named were Apesanahkwat, Karen Rodriguez, Mary Phillips, Shelly Carter, Amaya/Brooklyn Winfield, Marie Taylor, Shelia Hanson, Corinne Kills Pretty Enemy, Keith Hunsucker, Keith Colston and Jay Winter Nightwolf. Those who turned out for moral support included Eve Hill, Marietta Van Pelt, Cody Adams, Cathi Hill, Justine Hill, Calvin Van Pelt, Fred/Brenda/Chris/Jenny Miller, Clayton/Georgianna Old Elk, Evans Craig, Nita One Bear, Shawndae Sharpe, Vivian Dawson, Oh-say Khoat Sharpe, Katy Issenock/Chaske Hill, Dave Nicholas, Vanessa Van Pelt, Powhatan Owens/Karenne Wood, Kathleen Dorn, Dana Padgett, Ashley Fugare/Brian III, Kent Gerard, Ilianna Birdshead, Paige Burgess, Tom/Phyllis David and Tom IV.

Nov 11 – Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush traveled to the Stafford Hospital to visit Brandy Berger who was admitted the day before in much pain. As they arrived at the hospital, they ran into Herb Bush/Tori Cheeseman who were also on their way to see Brandy. After picking up flowers and a scarf in the gift shop, the group proceeded to Brandy's room only to learn that they were susceptible to chicken pox if they hadn't had that ailment when they were kids. Two of our group sat in the lobby because they

were not sure of their childhood ailments. After visiting Brandy, Manuel/Karen/Verde/Mitchell traveled to the Stafford Diner for lunch. Herb Bush, Scotty Gay and Mannie Martinez were already there. The group dispersed to their respective homes after lunch. Brandy was released from the hospital a couple of days later.



Michael Nephew and Dottie Tiger at the AISES Convention Powwow.
Photo by Michael Nephew

Nov 11-13 - The American Indian Science and Engineering Society held their 2010 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM. Current and former Metro DC residents spotted at the conference by Michael Nephew were Lillian Rainer, Dottie Tiger, Mario Harley, Marcellus Proctor, Forest Cox, Shirley LaCourse, Judy Cornelius, Doreen Chino, Colin Kippen and Jason Edwards. Jason Edwards reported that he just recently moved to the Albuquerque area. *Submitted by Michael Nephew*

Nov 14 – Rob Brown and Mitchell Bush traveled to Chincoteague Island to attend the one-day 5th annual Native American Heritage Festival hosted by the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. The festival was held at the downtown Waterfront Park which lies beside the water. While the sun shone brightly, it got a little cool in the afternoon. The festival was small but well attended by the local populace. There were about a dozen vendors including the Accohannock food booth (Rudy Hall), Nause Waiwash (Sewell Fitzhugh), Beverly Little Hawk, and the AIS booth manned by Rob and Mitchell. There were two drums – Turtle Creek (Shawn Haddaway) and White Buffalo Singers (Dave White Buffalo). Dave also served as the emcee. Head man dancer was AIS member Marcos Almanza and head lady dancer was Crystal Muntz. Among the dozen or so dancers in regalia were Dorothy Almanza, Johnny Moore and Michael Grayhawk. Elisha Killian joined the candy dance to energize the kids. The color guard was composed of about eight men, several of them from the local area. The presence of several chiefs, Chiefs Medicine Cat and Quiet Bear from Assateague, Chief Rudy Hall and Chief Sewell Winterhawk Fitzhugh, was announced. Out of town participants were housed at several local hotels in this resort community.

Nov 14 – On their way back from Chincoteague Island, Rob Brown and Mitchell Bush took the southern route home and stopped in Mechanicsville to attend Barry Richardson's 20th annual "The Great American Indian Exposition and Powwow" held at The Showplace, November 12-14. The event was well attended with a number of vendors including Jim Armagost and Sharon Folgar. Among the dancers drawn by over \$10,000 in prize money were Jay Hill, Josh Hill/Katy Issenock, Pete Neconie/Nita One Bear, Alexis Hill, Dora Birdshead and Dennis Montoya, among many others. Drums which took part included Black Bear, Stumptown, Red Earth, Buffalo Hills and Indian Ink. Singing with Black Bear were Don and Pete Neconie, Josh Hill, Greg Sharpe, Phil Hill, Dennis Zotigh and Ron Brown. Paige Burgess sings with Buffalo Hills as do Dan/Sherman Addi. Along for moral support were Juanita Neconie, Vivian Dawson, Oh-say Khoat Sharpe, Cathi Hill, Chaske Hill, Earlette Lamont, Justine Hill, Fred/Brenda Miller, Ileanna Birdshead, Kay Oxendine, Shirra/Dorothy Gray and Janis Ware/Bob Jondreau. Archie Lynch was the head man dancer, Becky Goins was the head lady dancer and Keith Colston was the emcee. In the dance competition, Josh placed second in Men's Fancy, Katy took first in Women's Fancy Shawl and Alexis took first in Junior Girls' Fancy Shawl. Blackbear took second in the drum contest. Congratulations to all of you who competed.

Nov 14-18 - The National Congress of American Indians held their 2010 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM. Current and former Metro DC residents spotted at the conference by Michael Nephew were Jackie Johnson-Pata, Jamie Gomez, Robert Holden, John Lowery, Sherry Silaway Black, Mellor Willie,

Carol Goodbear, Elizabeth Walker, Amy Martin, Colin Kippen, Yvette Joseph, Carl Etsitty, Pete Homer, Michael Burgess, Loretta Tuell, Sheila Cooper, Kevin Gover, Bob/Betty Tippiconic, Wilson Pipestem, Lillian Sparks, Jack Soto, among others. Sam Wakefield was also there, but Michael and Sam kept missing each other. *Submitted by Michael Nephew*

Nov 24 – The Pamunkey and Mattaponi Tribes held their annual presentation to the Governor at the Governor’s Mansion in Richmond, Virginia. While in years past, a breakfast was held for invited representatives of tribes and the Virginia Council on Indians, this year only the two tribes making the presentation of deer were invited. The WASHINGTON POST carried an article on the event in its 11/25 edition.

Nov 25 – The AIS held its annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Stafford Diner in North Stafford, Virginia. Meats were provided by our officers. Michael Nephew and Mary Sunbeam provided hams and Steve Hill and Susan Reed provided turkeys. Marietta Van Pelt took reservations and made food assignments consisting of mashed potatoes with gravy, candied yams, boiled potatoes, green beans, several types of pickles, loaf bread, butter, cranberry sauce and jellied cranberries. Those present formed a circle and Michael gave a prayer before the food was served. Brandy Berger sent deviled eggs to the dinner and stopped by to have dessert. Among those attending not named above were Karen Collins/Sam Tilley, Mannie Martinez, Verde Halley, Tia Gibbs, Nicklaus Gibbs-Hill, Jennifer/Warren Reed, Herb Bush, Tori Cheeseman, Scott Gay, Chuck/Judy Gray, Rob Brown, Mitchell Bush and Bonnie Cote. Bonnie brought supplies for making God’s Eyes and she, Jennifer and Michael completed or nearly completed God’s Eyes. Our thanks to Ali Ali, owner of the diner, for letting us use his restaurant. Our thanks also to Herb Bush who oversaw our use of the diner.

Nov 26 – The Four Rivers Drum conducted a “ceremony” for eagles at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens in Norfolk, Virginia. Singing with Four Rivers were Bob Londreau, Mike Butler, Blake Artlip, Michael Hood, Michael Menard, Vincent Jones, Talyn Strum, Sylvia Strickland, Jane Price, Shonda Buchanan, Christine Ortiz and Christine Carlson.

Nov 26 – The American Indian Festival Committee hosted the 1st American Indian Heritage Festival Powwow and Concert celebrating the 1st American Indian Heritage Day at the Silver Spring Civic Center at Veteran’s Plaza in Silver Spring, Maryland. The festival was co-sponsored by Montgomery County Office of Community Partnerships, Maryland State Arts Council, American Indian Heritage and Education Association, Inc. (AIHEA, Inc.), City of Rockville and the American Indian Society of Washington DC (AIS). The AIS President, Michael Nephew, is on the American Indian Festival Committee. The event began at 11:00 a.m. with vendors Mark Tayac, Michael Auld/Rose Powhatan, Pete/Tony Yazzie, Native Spirit Jewelry, and the AIS Booth manned by Karen Collins/Rob Brown/Mitchell Bush. Grand Entry for the powwow was a little delayed but took place a little after noon. Head staff was: emcee -Clayton Old Elk; head man dancer -Michael Nephew; head lady dancer - Anna Old Elk; Color Guard duties – Tim Moore; host drum – Aspen Hills (Paige Burgess/Dan and Sherman Addi/Nick Birdshead/Jimmy Big Mountain). The dancing lasted until 6:00 p.m. with a break during the afternoon program. Anna Old Elk held a giveaway for the honor of being chosen Head Lady. That evening the Maryland State Arts Council hosted “Honoring Our Warriors” Veteran’s Concert dedicated to the artist, J.D. Challenger, and featured Bearclaw, a flutist, Dawn Avery/Larry Mitchell and Charles “Rahmat” Woods/the Plucker. The concert was attended by AIS members Michael Nephew, Karen Collins, Rob Brown, Evans Craig, Beverly King, Fred/Brenda Miller, Luis Zapata, Wanda Lee, Maxine Hillary and Mitchell Bush. During the last set, about eight couples were on the dance floor. In addition to those already named, the following AIS members and friends were in attendance: Georgianna Old Elk, Dora/Ilianna Birdshead, Karen Rawlins, Natalie Proctor, Joyce Hart, Ian Auld, Cindy/Grace/Luke Reeves, Lynetta Barrow and Aro/Wes Seha. The civic center is a beautiful new building with a plaza in front. There were also Indian exhibits and floral wreaths for Lori Piestewa and the Navajo Code Talkers. Four proclamations were exhibited, including County Executive Ike Leggett’s Proclamation. Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley has named the day after Thanksgiving “American Indian Heritage

Day,” a holiday for state employees. Serving on the AIHEA Board of Directors are Greg/Louise Hamilton, Vicki Guthrie, Dana Padgett, Charles “Rahmat” Woods and Margo Williams.

Nov 27 – An American Indian Heritage Day Powwow and Health Fair sponsored by the Office of Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance (MOTA), and hosted by the Holy Cross Hospital and Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, was held at the Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring MD. The event began with a welcome by Keith Colston followed by a powwow. The powwow ran from 12:30 pm until 4:00 pm with a break for Health Education lectures and Free Health screenings. The first 30 dancers who registered received a stipend. *Submitted by Kathleen Dorn.*

Dec 1 – The American Indian Society (AIS) held its monthly meeting at the Church of St. Clement - Episcopal in Alexandria, Virginia. Present were President Michael Nephew, Second Vice President Mary Sunbeam, Treasurer Susan Reed, Secretary Cathi Hill and Karen Collins, Sam Wakefield, Joyce Wakefield, Jim Ward and Mitchell Bush. Michael called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. and gave the opening prayer. The report of the November 3 meeting was read and approved as read. Susan gave the treasurer’s report of the main, scholarship and powwow accounts. She and Mary cleared up the transfer of funds from the scholarship to the general account. Mary will take care of the IRS letter regarding a report they feel is due... Under Old Business, Mitchell reported on the Thanksgiving Dinner; Mary reported on the status of the Bylaws changes which the officers must sign. Michael has the Bylaws ready for signature; Mary brought up the newsletter issue. Michael acknowledged that the reason for the delay was he was traveling. He cannot predict future travel obligations but perhaps Karen Rodriguez can contact him; Mary then brought up a scholarship issue. Michael informed her the issue was Marietta’s responsibility... Under New Business, Michael reported on the Silver Spring festival. Our crafts bazaar will be held there. Mary volunteered to have an ad printed (in the Gazette) for around \$240... Under announcements, the University of Maryland powwow will be December 4 from 10-5. Karen brought up the planning committee for Longest Walk 3. They have indicated they may want to camp at Indian Pines again. Mitchell and Kathleen Dorn are planning to attend the planning meeting to be held December 5. Mary brought up the Inaugural Ball issue. Sam Wakefield reported he received complimentary comments about the last ball. Steve Hill could not make the NCAI meeting. Michael reported the NMAI will host a market this weekend. Vendors will be in the Potomac Atrium. Karen brought up the lack of an Indian Veterans Memorial in the area. A Seminole veterans group is interested in a National Indian Veterans Wall. Cathi reported that Alexis is having a gymnastics meet in Chantilly on December 4. She also reported that she, Alexis, Phil, Eve, Jay, Josh, Chaske traveled to attend the Canadian Aboriginal Festival in Hamilton, Ontario. Josh placed 2nd in Men’s Fancy and Alexis placed 1st in the Junior Girl’s Fancy Shawl. Edna’s children, Andrea and Jose, also danced. Karen reported that Chuck Gray is having surgery at Mary Washington Hospital. Keep him in your prayers. Also, Ray Couch is recuperating at home after release from the Spotsylvania Regional Hospital on Thanksgiving Day... The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

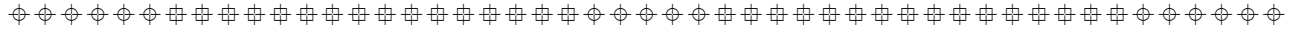
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>AIS Meetings 1st Wed. of every month: (Jan 5/Feb 2/Mar 2/Apr 6/May 4/Jun 1/Jul 6/Aug 3/Sep 7/Oct 5/Nov 2/Dec 7) 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, www.baic.org</p>
<p>Jan 8, 2011 – Morning Star Celebration, 11th annual benefit powwow for St. Labre Indian School, John Carroll School, Bel Air, MD (I-95, exit 85, follow Rt. 22 to Bel Air-school on left). Contact 410-838-8333 x 2002 or ajlsjcs@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Feb 12, 2011 - American Indian Unity Dinner (5-6 pm/Social, 6-9 pm/Buffett Dinner), Marriott Richmond West, 4240 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, VA 23060, 804-965-9500. \$50.00 per person - make out check to "American Indian Unity Dinner" and send checks and your reservation/contact info to: American Indian Unity Dinner, c/o Sid Turner, 6518 Glen Ridge Court, Midlothian, VA 23112. Contacts Sid Turner 804-475-1446 or Joanne Curnutt 804-746-4611. Room reservations 1-888-839-0610 (\$79 plus tax for reservations made under American Indian Unity Dinner before 1/13/2011)</p>
<p>Apr 30-May 1 – 13th Annual Inter-Tribal Powwow at the Frisco Native American Museum & Natural History Center, Hatteras Island, NC. Info: 252-995-4440 / www.nativeamericanmuseum.org</p>
<p>CHECK the AIS Website at www.aisdc.org for updates on events between newsletters.</p>

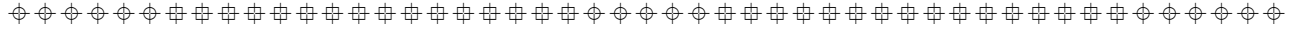


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