



## Florida Indian Hobbyist Association

3rd Quarter 2016

Up coming Powwows

Odessa Powwow  
Sept 16-18 2016

Pan-a-Kee Powwow  
Sept 24-26 2016

36th Cherokee of Georgia  
Oct 6-8 2016

Chattahoochee River Landing Powwow  
Oct 14-16 2016

Cox Osceola Powwow  
Oct 28-30 2016

Thunderbird Intertribal Powwow  
Nov 4-6 2016

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### Report from the President

Hello FIHA members, I would like to start off this year by thanking the 2015 board for their hard work in putting together the 51st annual powwow at our new home at the St Lucie County Fairgrounds. Last year we had some challenges with the new location and our 2016 board is up to the challenge to make the 52nd powwow the best EVER. The promise made by this years board was to increase community involvement, increase member participation, and put together the best powwow in the State of Florida. These great men and women have been at work since before the last powwow ended to enhance our relationship with vendors, and build on the great relationship that has been fostered with the St Lucie County Fairgrounds, and educate the public to what we do.

We have been busy, building our website, increasing our social media presence, and developing relationships with area businesses to help our local economy.

So far this year we have held our first social event and had our first ladies guild meeting in Palm Beach Gardens. This event was a great success and we are looking forward to our next event.

We are committed to having board meetings every month and all of the dates are on our website at [fiha.us](http://fiha.us). Our next event we will be hold will be a members only social on September 24th at Camp Hidden Hammock. Located at 3696 eleven mile road, Fort Pierce Fl. Directions from I95 west on

State road 70 (Okeechobee Rd.) west 4miles to Eleven mile rd. Camp is on the left.

Our plan is to have clinics, a group pot luck lunch, our business meeting, and a mini powwow for anyone who wants to dance. We have also had a submission to modify the bylaws. We will be voting on these at this meeting, and I encourage all of our members to stop by. A copy of the bylaw modifications as well as the justifications are included in this newsletter.

We will be having a holiday party tentatively scheduled for December 18. There will be more exciting information coming out soon as the details come together. Please stay up to date on our website as please come to our board meeting and be part of the process. This is our group, the Florida Indian Hobbyist Association, and it is our job to help educate those to our hobby. We want to hear from you, so if you have any thoughts or ideas please let us know. I am encouraged by our board this year and I look forward to seeing every one of you in September.

Richard Gallant  
President

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## Powwow Chairman

First let me say that I'm honored to serve as the 2017 FIHA Powwow Chairman. I've attended the FIHA Powwow for more than 20 years and look forward to working with the FIHA Members to create the best possible powwow experience for our participants and guests. I'm excited to announce the FIHA Board has agreed to embrace the theme



“Returning to Our Traditions” as the focus for our powwow. Part of the FIHA Mission has always been to educate the public on the culture and traditions of the American Indian. Our theme allows us the opportunity to focus more on the educational aspect of our powwow. Soon I'll be contacting our members to assist me in bringing back some of the “old ways”. I need

your ideas as well as your manpower to accomplish this goal. “Thank You” in advance for your support.

Dr. Rich Conway

## Senior princess

Hello! My name is Ashley Graham and I've had the honor of being chosen as FIHA's Princess for the 2016-2017 year.

I'm really excited to represent FIHA all over Florida at various Powwows. I'm already gearing up for the season, working with the Ladies

Guild to sew shawls to gift to Powwows I visit. I've also been attending all the monthly FIHA board meetings, where our board members have been hard at work to ensure that FIHA's 52nd Annual Powwow is the best one yet!

Make sure to follow FIHA's facebook page for all announcements!

I hope you all enjoy your summer!

Ashley

## Treasurer Report

At this point in time, the FIHA account stands at \$18,918.88

There are currently no outstanding balances.

We are working very hard to ensure financial responsibility.

Sincerely,  
Tammi Krevitz



## 1st Vice President

Greetings, I am proud to say that of the 3 times that I have served as the 1st Vice-President of the Florida Indian Hobbyist Association, this is hand down the most progressive board for the association I have had the pleasure to serve on.

The board is working hard to expand our powwow along with the programs offered. One of my yearly complaints is that " we are a hobbyist association that does not share its hobby with anyone". That is

changing as we are embracing the fact (finally) that there is no real youth program to carry on our traditions, that the association is in fact a business as all powwows that have overhead requires financial discipline!

I have been working with one of our members at large whom we have put in charge of vendor relations to insure that all vendors needs are met and the powwow layout is one that flows. I have also been

tasked with helping design and implementing a tracking system for our finances as it is mandatory that a 501c3 be accountable to its members. This has been a huge weakness in the past and friendships have been destroyed over not keeping good financial records. We should embrace that this powwow is a family and we must work as a family to continue the longest running powwow in Florida.

One way we are doing this is reaching out to every powwow in Florida and supporting them with free advertising in up coming publications as well as encouraging our members to travel to and support as many powwow that we can. If we set the example others could follow and we could be dancing and making friends all over the state every month. Imagine that!

Joseph Pierro  
1st Vice President

## 2nd Vice President

Hello, my name is Angela Schmitt and I am the 2nd Vice President on the FIHA board. The last three months since being elected have been great and productive. We have a new and updated website. You can view it at [www.fiha.us](http://www.fiha.us). Within our website you will find up to date information on our monthly meetings,

quarterly socials, and events. Our photo gallery is still being updated so visit us often to check out the new photos. You can also join and sign up for your own FIHA membership on our website or donate through PayPal to our Non-Profit Organization. All donations will be used to make the annual Powwow a memorable ex-

perience for all. All of our social media outlets have been updated as well. You can find our board contact information, vendor information (site map for powwow and online registration coming soon), FIHA Princesses, and much more on our site. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

## 3rd Vice President

As a two-time past princess, I am honored to have been elected as this years 3rd Vice President. I am working diligently with the committee in ensuring that our current and upcoming princesses will love and enjoy the important role they play in our organization. As of now, I have chosen the color scheme for this years sashes and shawls

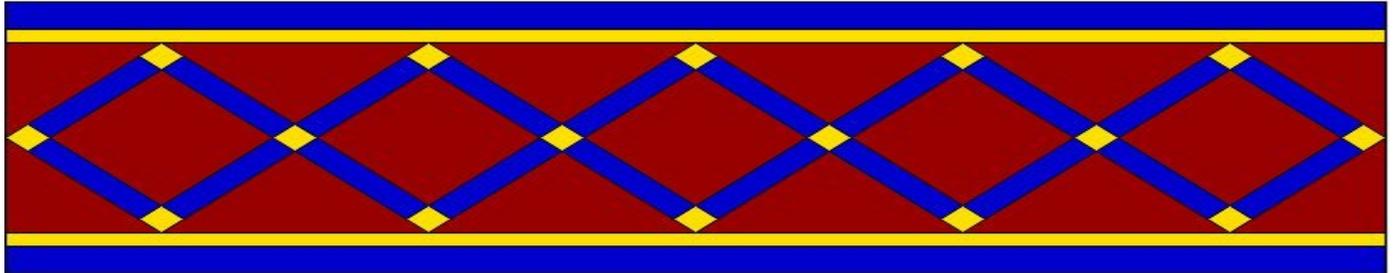
as well as the gifts our princesses will receive for their hard work in representing F.I.H.A. I am also working on carefully selecting a panel of judges who will choose the princesses for the 2017 year. I look forward to a successful year with our newest princesses and committee.

Savannah Krevitz  
3rd Vice President





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## Summer thoughts

Nature has many a day

Cleaned her palette

To start anew

A clean blank canvas

From which to work

To refresh

Life

In her ever changing landscape

Earth

By Marvin Cunha

## Up Coming Powwows

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North Bay Clan Lower Creek  
Muskogee Tribe Powwow  
Nov 11-13 2016

25th Annual Santa Rosa Creek  
Tribe Powwow  
Nov 19-20 2016

Tustenuggee Festival Powwow  
Nov 25-26

Red Hawk Ranch Powwow  
Dec 2-4 2016

