



Florida Indian Hobbyist Association

1st Quarter 2017

Up coming Powwows

14th Annual
Thunder on the Beach Powwow
Feb. 17-19, 2017

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March 3-5, 2017

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Report from the President

It is almost that time, can you feel it, the excitement in the air that the 52nd Annual FIHA Powwow is almost upon us. We have adopted the theme, "Returning to our Traditions." and we have some great things in store for this year. By the time you read this there will be less than 30 days until we powwow at the St Lucie County Fairgrounds. This year our board did an amazing job of putting this event together for the members and the community. I am proud of the work of all the members of the board, and we have some exciting things coming these year. We have a new arbor, donated by Eagle Scout Andrew Pierro. This arbor is all stained wood and 80 feet in diameter. We have entertainers from all over the country performing songs, hoops, and dances. But we still need your help. We will need volunteers to assist in the committee booth as well as to help out with logistics and security. If you are able please help us out, as it takes many people to put this event together. Some of the other items that are new this year include advance ticket sales. If you search our event on Eventbrite, the public can purchase tickets in advance to attend the event. Tell your friends and neighbors to join us for our powwow. We have made a number of accomplishments this year for our membership. We had three social events for the membership to gather, fellowship, and learn more about the hobby we all love and enjoy. We held the first holiday party in years that was well attended by both members and those interested in what we do. We produced three newsletters to keep our

members and supporters informed with our group. We reached out to other groups from around the state of Florida to spread the word of our event. We also included their event in our newsletters to keep you informed. Our big thing this year was the updating of the bylaws that govern our group. With our recent acquisition of our 501c3 status, there were some administrative changes that needed to take place and changes that had to be made to keep up above board and in line with the laws. I am proud of the work that we as your board of directors have done this year to propel this group into the 21st century. We have a new, updated website, our web presence has exploded through the various platforms. You can find FIHA on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and more. We can now accept online payments and will, for the first time ever, be able to accept credit cards at the committee booth during the powwow. For so many years we lost sales because most people just don't carry cash anymore. That has all changed. I want to thank each and every member of the board, and those outside of our organization that helped make this the best group in the state. I have been proud to serve as that President for the 2016- 2017 year and look forward to seeing all of you at the 52nd Annual FIHA Powwow.

Richard Gallant
President

Powwow Chairman

The 52nd Annual FIHA Powwow is promising to be an epic event. Feedback from dancers, vendors, and staff has been enthusiastic. All are embracing the theme "Returning to Our Traditions". We are honored to have Sooti Oophe, a U.S. Army Veteran and Comanche Tribal member, as our Head Veteran. Ed LaFave, the Nuda Honga of the AIS Hethuska (Warrior Society), will be the Head Gourd Dancer. Those active in the BSA Order of the Arrow certainly know our Whip Man, Mark Janofski and Powwow goes throughout Florida welcome Tom and Janita

Zermino as our Head Man and Head Lady. We just added entertainer and musician Arvel Bird, the Celtic Indian, to our staff.

We have included two FIHA Powwow flyers (one in color and one in black and white) in this newsletter. It is my hope that you will make copies of these flyers and distribute them to family and friends. Also be sure to drop some off at local shops and restaurants to increase our spectator count. This is an expensive event and we are working with a smaller than usual budget. Our revenue depends on the number of spectators that go

through our gate. Please do everything possible to spread the word about this exciting powwow. If you have questions, concerns, or would like to offer your help, please contact me.

Thanks in advance for your help and support,

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Vendor Coordinator

Hello all,
The vendors participating for the 52nd Annual FIHA Powwow is almost complete. I am still receiving deposits from a few of our vendors to secure their booth space. I will be contacting a few more people to see if they are available to attend to fill the three remaining spaces we have, so this will be done shortly. If anyone is interested in being a vendor, please go to the fiha.us site. Click on the 3 bars in the upper left corner of the page. The menu will appear where you can access the vendor contract. Please send the info to M. Cunha 2636 12th Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32960, and I will get back with you to let you know if the remaining spaces are filled. As stated in the last newsletter, there will be **no last minute walk ins**.

Here is the current list of Vendors for 2017. Inside:
Booth #1: R & R Collectables,
Booth #2: You Rock Crystals,
Booth #3: Native Andes,
Booth #4: Big Cypress Landing,
Booth #5: Eagle Lands
Booth #6: Wild Horse Trading,
Booth #7: Four Bears Trading,
Booth #8: Intertribal Spirit Design,
Booth #9: TBD,
Booth #10: TBD,
Booth #11: TBD,
Booth #12: Inner Mountain Stones & Woods,
Booth #13: Tom Mulrone,
Booth #14: TBD
Booth #15A: Ed Wind Dancer
Booth 15B: Jody Gaskin,
Booth #16 Pat Sutton,
Booth #17: Azteca Artist in the City,
Booth #18: Wild Sage,
Booth #19: Feathermoon,
Booth #20: Trailwalker Crafts,
Booth #21: Arvel Bird Celtic Indian

Booth #22: TBD,
Booth #23: Spiral Flutes,

Outside:
Spotted Pony Traders,
Backwoods Survival Skills,
Shadow's Creations,
Little Fox Creations,
Turquoise Showcase,
Peacepipe Leather Traders,
as of 2/3/2017.

Food Vendors: We have an excellent variety of food vendors again this year. Most of them have been here for years and a staple for the event. We have also acquired a couple of new vendors to add to the mix that you may have seen in many other events in and around Florida,

They include:

Grill on Wheels,
Scoops Ice Cream, & Shaved Ice,
PJ Shuckers corn,
Unto these Grills,
Sheepdog Kettle Corn,
Nostalgia Soda of Bronson.

Personally I have had food from all these vendors many times over the years in all my travels so please come and enjoy the powwow, the dance, the food, and the people, and help us in getting back to our traditions.
Thank You.

Rusty

Treasurer Report

Hello from the treasurer, in the last couple of months I have been busy updating budget allocations and finalizing spreadsheets for the upcoming powwow. We have had purchases for the princess shawls

and for our Christmas Social. Our cost for our shares and sashes was 350.00 and our Christmas Social was provided at a cost of \$22.77 per person and the rental for the facility was included. Our current

balance is \$17486.24.
See you at the Powwow!

Sincerely,
Tammi Krevitz



1st Vice President

The 52nd Anniversary of our powwow is fast approaching and there is excitement in the Air. Much will be new this year . Its our second year in our new facility at the St. Lucie County fairgrounds after many year of being at the Savannahs off of Midway rd. we were forced to move .

In the sprit friendship the Thunder on the Beach Committee loaned us their benches for our dance Arbor and we are most grateful!

This year we have our own benches thanks to a young man's Eagle project his hope

was to improve our powwow. We hope you enjoy your new seats this powwow. Dancers PLEASE don't for get you blankets but only take as much space as needed.

Hope to see everyone at the powwow and bring a friend.

Joseph Pierro
1st Vice President



2nd Vice President

Hello from the 2nd Vice President. In the last couple months I have been busy finalizing options based on quotes obtained from TV and radio advertisers for promoting our event. We are working on markups of the design and locations for the billboards we will be getting. We are still considering branching out

into Palm Beach County to gather more interest in that area, but have not come to any specific decisions at this moment. I can't wait to see everyone at the Powwow.

Angela Schmitt

3rd Vice President

As our annual powwow nears, I have a few brief updates in regards to our princesses. Orders have been placed for the princess sashes, shawls are being embroidered, and will soon be handed off to our Sr. Princess to be fringed.

There have been a few questions in terms of crowns; our upcoming princesses will be wearing the 50th

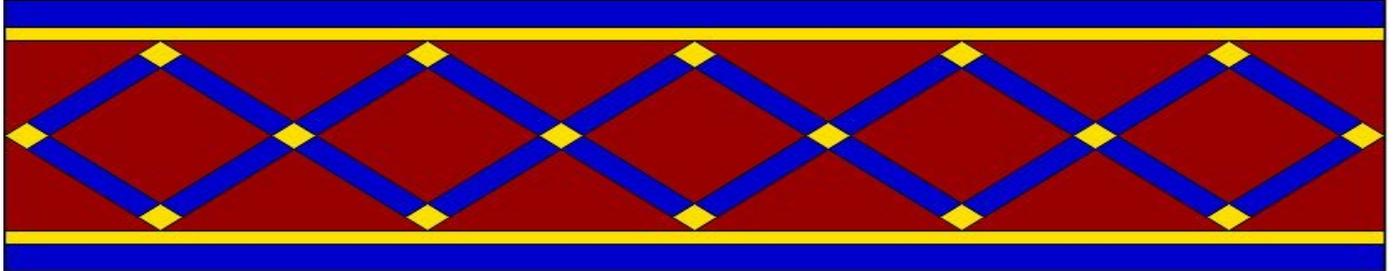
anniversary crowns. I also have in hand the gifts for our princesses. While I am very excited for this year, I would like to mention that there will be an updated list of criteria for our princesses; which include a specific amount of powwows that need to be attended. I am currently seeking judges who will also uphold the traditions of FIHA in choosing a princess. Finally, I look forward to

seeing you at our upcoming powwow as well as meeting our princess candidates!

Savannah Krevitz
3rd Vice President



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Up coming powwows

If you know of a great
powwow in Florida please
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