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# Brothertown Quarterly Report Spring 2001

Compiled by George Wentz, Councilman

#### CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER

What a winter we had and everyone else. I think we will have snow until the 4th of July.

I want to thank all the members who have given of their time, talent and money to assist the Tribe in becoming recognized. It is most appreciated. We couldn't continue without you. I can't possibly name you all because there are so many, but you know who you are. Thank you.

We are scheduled to receive assistance from a grant that was written in October to help setting up our constitution and also with strategic planning. We are interviewing for a Tribal Planner to assist us for the next 18 months. We are still waiting for the ANA decision as to what month it will start.

We were picked by VISIONARIES, a non-profit organization that records about organizations that have a story to tell. This is to be done this fall, but will appear on PBS in 2002. Will tell more later.

We still need a lot of help for the Walkathon, volunteers for the office, helping with the enrollment process, help with the Elders meetings, help with mailings, public relations, crafts, sunshine committee, etc. You name it we need help.

In order for us to have a strong case for recognition, we are going to need better attendance at our meetings. We have our petition with our history, but we must also prove we are serious about recognition and continuing as a tribe. We have 2,500 enrolled members and must have 15 members in attendance, according to our by-laws. A good many times we just squeak by with 17 or 18 in attendance. Of course, we do have 9 members on the Council so that leaves only 6 more members to be in attendance. There are over 400 heads of household members in the Fox River Valley area so we should have better attendance. We are asking you to set aside the 3rd Saturday of 6 months out of the year, to attend very important meetings. The schedule is February, March and May at the North Fond du Lac Senior Building; July is the annual picnic at Calumet County Park; August is in Gresham at the American Legion Hall and October is Homecoming at the Fond du Lac Lakeside Park Pavilion. See you there!! You know it's time to set our sights on goals to be accomplished. You want to have new leadership, so lets attend meetings so you know what is going on.

Maureen Betz and John Ebert have started getting the Archives in order for them to be put on microfilm. We have a grant that was written to accomplish this huge project. They are both connected with the Fond du Lac Historical Society. We could not use volunteers for this portion of the project.

Read further for other reports of committees. June Ezold, Migizi Manitou Equay

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If you would like to help with this process and know about computers, please give me a call. I can use the help.

Phyllis Mattern, Waagoosh Equay (Fox Woman)

#### **ELDER'S ORGANIZATION**

We are planning an Elder's meeting and craft workshop April 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 493 Fond du Lax Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI the Tribal Office. A meeting was held last month and was enjoyed by all the elder's that attended. They are looking forward to the next meeting. Hope to see you there.

Irene Shady

#### **BROTHERTOWN CRAFT WORKSHOPS**

I would like to THANK all of the people who have been helping with the Craft Workshops. So far Workshops have been held January 6th and 10th, February 3rd and 7th, and March 24th and 28th. The elders combined their meeting with the Craft Workshop and enjoyed helping. We all hope they come to help us again.

If you would like to join us, the Craft Workshops are held at the Brothertown Office, at 493 Fond du Lac Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Everyone brings a dish to pass for lunch. Paper plates, napkins, cups and plastic silverware is furnished. Coffee is also available. The dates for the next 3 months are Wednesday April 25 and Saturday April 28, Wednesday May 9 and Saturday May 12, Wednesday June 6 and Saturday June 9.

Brothertown Catalogs are also available for \$2.00. Items featured in the catalog include Tribal made jewelry, baskets, hair accessories, new Indian t-shirts and denim shirts. Many designs. Call, write or e-mail Sandy.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sandy Pawlacyk, 308 Parkwood Drive, Neenah, WI 54956 920-722-4305 E-mail: pawlacyk@juno.com

#### SECOND ANNUAL BROTHERTOWN HERITAGE

The Walkathon will be held on Saturday July 21, 2001 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The walk will cover approximately six miles. The starting point will be the Dick Family Cemetery and end at the Maltby farm.

Immediately after completing the walk everyone is invited over to Calumet County Park for the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin annual Picnic.

The Brothertown Picnic is one of two annual social events. It is a gathering of Brothertown Members to socialize and catch up on what is going on in the lives of Brothertown Indians. Food, activities and crafts will be in abundance. Plan on having fun and getting to know more of the Brothertown family.

Last years Walkathon was a great success. This year we are excited about being able to have the Walkathon and the Picnic on the same day for the convenience of all.

We need all the walkers and helper we can get. Please come and help make this an even greater success than last year.

Wi, gwo san (Good Day) Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin Tribal Council

The fee for the picnic is \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 for an immediate family of five or more. Please bring your own plates, cups, eating utensils, soda, and bottled water. Anything that you might need to make your day more enjoyable. Bring your favorite dish to share with your fellow members. If you would like to register early mail your check a long with how many will be attending to the Brothertown Office. Make your checks payable to Brothertown Indians of WI, Inc.

#### **ELECTIONS**

A nominating committee was selected in February. The following positions are up for election. Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two council positions. The following persons have been nominated to run for these positions.

#### Phyllis Mattern, Vice President-Incumbent

I have been with the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin for 20 years and as Vice President for the last 10 years. I retired from Kimberly-Clark 9 years ago. I hope to service the tribe again.

#### Craig Cottrell, Treasurer-Incumbent

I have been your Treasurer for the past three years. I am asking you to reelect me on May 19, 2001. Over the past three years we have come far in the accounting for the Brothertown areas of life. I have set up the accounting functions on a computerized accounting software program. This has allowed us to manage all of the different funds and areas within the Brothertown Tribe. The past three years have been a tremendous experience and I look forward to continuing, with your help, as Treasurer for the next three years. Thank you and remember to vote on May 19th.

#### Dawn Kraintz, Secretary-Pro Tem

I have been Secretary -Pro Tem for the past month. Since I have assumed the duties of the position I would like to help the Brothertown Tribe and continue to be secretary for the next three years.

#### Council Positions:

#### Cy H. Welch-Incumbent

I have been on the council for the past 16 years. I have been a minister for the past 56 years. I've graduated from Minnesota Bible College with a B.A. degree. Graduate school, Butler University at their School of Religion with a B.D. degree.

#### Douglas Foy-Incumbent

My ancestry traces to Cyrus A. Welch. I am committed to helping build the best possible tribal organization and maintaining open dialogue with all members. I would appreciate your support in this endeavor. I was raised in Redwood Falls, MN. I have a B.A. in Biology from the University of Minnesota-Morris 1982.

#### Clyde Cottrell

I am running for Tribal Council. My ancestor, is my mother, Inez DeGroat Cottrell. My interest in serving on the Council is to gain knowledge of our Tribal culture, heritage and bring my life experience to the Council. I have run my own contracting business prior to owning a family restaurant. I have served my church, the Oneida United Methodist Church, for my entire life as Treasurer and Administrative Board Chairman. I am retired and would enjoy the opportunity to serve the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin. Thank you for considering me for Tribal Council.

#### Steve Cottrell

I am running for Tribal Council. My ancestor is my paternal grandmother Inez DeGroat Cottrell. Since enrolling into the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin I have become interested in the historical and contemporary live of the tribe. I am the print shop manager for a large engineering firm in Green Bay. I have gained experience in the necessary steps for any project development including environmental and architectural. I have served my church in many volunteer roles for my entire adult life. My desire to run for Council is based largely on the fact that my wife and sons are members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. I have seen first hand the good and bad that stems from a successful tribal government. This is an unique experience that I can bring to the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin Council. I appreciate your vote on May 19th. Thank you.

#### HOW TO VOTE

The first way is to come to the meeting on May 19th, 1:30 p.m. at the North Fond du Lac Senior Building, 280 Garfield Street, North Fond du Lac.

If you are unable to come you may request an absentee ballot by sending a written request to Dawn Kraintz at 188 Rose Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. You must also include a self-addressed stamped envelope. One written request per envelope. Dawn will then send you a ballot in the self-addressed envelope. Put your ballot in an envelope with no markings on it. Than place it in another envelope and send it to Dawn.

#### ANOTHER ROAD TO RECOGNITION

The Brothertown Indian Nation of Wisconsin is at a critical juncture in its effort to secure federal recognition. As many of you know, the tribe's federal acknowledgement petition was submitted in February 1996. The petition is currently number four on the Federal Acknowledgement Board's list for activation. However, it may take another several years before the actual review begins. The review process itself takes a minimum of two years and the decision is subject to appeal and further delays. Therefore, the Brothertown Tribal Council has voted to pursue a second avenue of achieving federal recognition. This is through the court system by filing a land claim in New York. If we can demonstrate that our ancestral homeland was sold in violation of the Non-Trade and Intercourse Act, the court will accord federal acknowledgment and award a modest financial settlement. Our intention is not to reoccupy the land, or disturb the current landowners. We will continue to seek recognition through the petitioning

process, but we will also pursue this other road to recognition. In order to initiate this effort, we need to secure legal representation and we need your financial support. All Brothertown head-of-households will be receiving a letter explaining in more detail the effort we are about to undertake and how we need your participation and assistance. Please read this letter carefully and do not hesitate to contact any of you Council members if you have any questions or concerns. With your help we hope to speed up the federal acknowledgment process and restore the Brothertown Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to its rightful place as a recognized Indian Nation.

# Brothertown Indians Annual Minnesota Regional Meeting At Grace Covenant Church Little Falls, MN April 28, 2001 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Bring food to share for the noon meal. Meeting to follow. Catch up on what is going on with our Tribe. Feel free to bring pictures, books, genealogy, and craft ideas for Indian items. Anything of interest to or about our tribe to share with the group.

Contact Janette Brower for questions regarding meeting. 218-327-1882. See you there, April 28.

WALKED ON

Larry Tryon

b. 06-21-25

d. 01-07-01

Ancestor: Lettie Shelley, White

Ernest Baker

b. 12-18-06

d. 2001

Ancestor: Lucy Skeesuck

Goldie Schreiber

b. 03-23-20

d. 2001

Ancestor: Lucinda Brushell

#### ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

This Spring, I will continue interviewing elders for the Brothertown Oral History Project. If you would like to be interviewed or if you know someone who should be, please contact me. My phone number is (708) 795-1571. My address is 1334 Grove Avenue, Berwyn, IL 60402. My e-mail address is dpwriters@mcs.net. Thanks very much for your cooperation in this important endeavor. Debbie Pickering

The Brothertown Tribal Council is aware of the group calling themselves the "New York Brothertown Indian Nation" and has issued the following statement.

"The Brothertown Indian Nation of Wisconsin has no affiliation with the group calling themselves the New York Brothertown Indian Nation. The Brothertown Nation of Wisconsin is investigating the pending land claim case in Oneida and Madison Counties and its consequences on the tribe's federal

acknowledgment effort. Members of the Brothertown Indian Tribal Council are discussing this matter and will take appropriate action to protect the rights of the Brothertown Indian Nation of Wisconsin and its members."

The executive Committee of the Tribal Council held a conference call with Greg Smith, Esq. on Monday, March 5th to get an update on the situation. A decision was made to initiate a search for legal representation to protect the tribe's rights in this matter. We will try to keep you updated as events unfold.

#### MORE BROTHERTOWN HISTORY

How many know the story of the Brothertown elm box? This is an oval decorated box that was returned to the Mohegan tribe from the Peabody and Essex Museum in Salem, MS. The box is made of elm bark and was made by a Wisconsin Brothertown Indian and sent "home" to their Mohegan relative. It is an artifact that tells the story of the Brothertown migration from the east to New York and finally to Wisconsin. It represents one of the few surviving written records in an ancient design language of East Woodland Indians.

The design on the box is a trail covered by dots, representing the people traveling and leaves depicting each tribe. It also has a curving line representing a sun trail, which represents the Indians following the path followed westward. There is a spiral on the lid with seven pipes representing the seven tribes joined in a circle.

#### Calendar of Events

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April 21	Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.**
April 28	Annual Minnesota Regional Meeting of Brothertown Indians-Grace Covenant Church,
_	Little Falls, MN, 12:00-4:00 p.m. Noon Feast! Call Sandy at (612) 447-7061 or
	Rosemary at (218) 829-8136 for information.
May 19	Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.**
•	General Meeting 1:30 p.m. (Election of Officers and Council)
	Both meeting to be held at North Fond du Lac Community Center, 280 Garfield Street,
	North Fond du Lac.
June 16	Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.**
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# Brothertown Golf Outing



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The Council wishes to thank all the persons that had their name put on the ballot for the election. Remember, next year is another year so please continue to show an interest and attend the future meetings and put your name on the ballot again.

I am sorry to announce that Mr. Richard (Dick) Welch has handed in his resignation. He was a member of the Board of Commissioners and he felt that he could not attend many of the future meetings due to he work schedule. We are most sorry for that decision and we want to publicly thank him for the time spent to help the tribe. He still willing to give talks about the Tribe to schools.

Please read the reports given by the committee chairmen in the newsletter so you can keep up with the events of the tribe for the future.

Any questions you might have in regard to the tribe, feel free to call on any of the Council members or officers and if they do not know the answer, they will find someone who will help you.

The Council is going to start working on the Constitution with the help of Greg Smith, and they will be setting up meetings with members to get their input as to what the members feel should be in the constitution and by-laws. This is going to take some time, you realize. It cannot be done overnight. The last time we made amendments it took over 2 years. You see, we will be getting ideas from the meetings to be held in Washington or Oregon, Minnesota, Michigan New York and Wisconsin bringing the ideas back, putting together the constitution and by-laws, mail them out to members to get the approval and then try to work something out that is in agreement to all. This is one of the items for which the grant was written.

We also will be working with the Tribal Planner in regard to the second section of the grant for the strategic planning and working on the constitution. The crafts and housing weren't included this time.

Here is another episode in the New York Brothertown Nation filing for land in the Oneida Land Claim.

The headline in the Syracuse Newspaper reads as of May 23, "Judge adds Brothertown tribe to Oneida suit"

In the Day newspaper of Connecticut they reported "Indian Group from Norwich joins New York lawsuit."

Excerpts of the report. "A federal judge this week, agreed to allow the Brothertown Indian Nation of New

York, whose leaders live, in southeastern Connecticut, to intervene in the 27-year old lawsuit brought by several Oneida tribes. The Oneidas' opposed the Brothertowns' request to join the lawsuit, claiming it could delay it."

In a decision issued Monday, Judge Lawrence E. Kahn approved the Brothertown tribe's request. He said part of his job in determining whether the Brothertown group is owed the land would be deciding if it were a legitimate tribe. The Brothertowns are not federally recognized.

He also cautioned that he is skeptical that the group can prove it has existed since the 1700's an added that even if he finds that it has, such decision would not constitute bestowing federal recognition. That authority, he said, rests with the U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Brothertown group has expressed and interest in casino developments and one of its leaders, Maurice "Storm" Camplain of Norwich, said Wednesday the tribe is interested only in reclaiming land in New York.

The tribe has about 150 members and is growing through an aggressive membership drive.

The Oneidas of New York, Wisconsin, and Ontario, who are co-plaintiffs in the case, have said the Brothertown land is separate from theirs and should not be made part of their lawsuit." You may get more information on the web page of both newspapers.

We, the Council, feel we must do something legally to protect our rights at this particular time. Not to put in a claim for the land but for reimbursement for that land that is ours. This is proven by the 1788 Fort Schuyler Treaty, giving our tribe 6 square miles not part of the Oneida Lands that still stands and has never been changed and in addition our petition for federal recognition.

The Council is presently in contact with a couple of lawyers hoping we do not get into quicksand but to do what is right for our Tribe and members. Legally.

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we may have to request funding from our members to help in our case. Will keep you informed and you will be hearing from us with a special letter if necessary. It is a shame that we are forced to take this step, but it is the right to do so.

Don't forget read the rest of the newsletter and will see you at the Walk-a-thon, picnic and golf events. Looking forward to meeting you all.

Also, if you have a change of name or address, please include notifying your tribe when you notify your magazines and friends.

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#### ELDER'S ORGANIZATION

The Elders meeting was held April 19, 2001 at the Tribal office in Fond du Lac. There were 9 members in attendance. It was discussed about the calendar and pictures to be used. We would like to have the calendars available by the year 2002, which means it must be completed by November 2001.

We have a few questions to ask of you. What would you like or expect to get from the Elders meetings?

- 1. Would you like to play bingo?
- 2. Just socialize and talk?
- 3. Go out to lunch?
- 4. Any suggestions?

We had a nice discussion about our Tribe and other Tribes and cultures. A suggestion was made to collect aluminum cans to help the Elders with stamps, greeting cards, etc. for our meetings.

The next meeting will be held on June 15th, at 493 Fond du Lac Avenue, Fond du Lac at 1:00 p.m. Pass the word and if there are some Elders who would like a ride call Irene Shady at 920-922-8132.

Irene Shady, Chairperson

#### **BROTHERTOWN CRAFTS**

We did really well at the Brothertown Minnesota Meeting in Little Falls, MN on April 28th. We made \$497.00 on craft and T-shirt sales and \$82.00 was donated. Along with a previous \$135.00 in sales of matted prints for a grand total of \$714.00 for April sales.

The Craft Workshops have been going well so far, but I think we need to take them out on the road to get more people involved. So, if anyone would like to host a Craft Workshop in their home please let me know. Not further then two hours drive from Neenah! It is a lot of fun and I have people who would be willing to teach you how to make things. The fellowship is great too. You will make a lot of new friends and then when you do come to the Brothertown Meetings you will know someone.

The Craft Workshops for July, August and September are as follows: Wednesday, July 11 and July 25 at the Brothertown Office Saturday, August 4 at the home of Jean Wentz, 125 Chestnut Way, North Prairie, WI Wednesday, August 8 at the Brothertown Office Saturday, September 22 and Wednesday, September 26 at the Brothertown Office

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We have been working on the Brothertown Craft Catalog but are having some problems with getting the

pictures printed so that the color is accurate. If any of you could help we would really appreciated it! Please contact Dusti Scheibe or myself if you can help. Sorry about the delay.

If you are interested in Hairpipe, Wampum Jewelry or other crafts contact Sandy Pawlacyk. Other

Brothertown items you need to contact Dusti Scheibe.

This year we are offering a large assortment of T-shirts. Many have earnings to match. Golf shirts with an embroidered headdress and Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin above the pocket \$23 2X \$25. Denim shirts for men and women decorated in Indian designs. We also have the Brothertown logo now offered in a patch 6 3/4 in x 7 1/2 in. These will be our web page www.brothertownindians.org and may also be purchase at the Walk-a-thon and Picnic. Gift Certificates are also available from Dusti.

Hats \$12 T-shirts \$12 T-shirt & Hat \$20 (+ \$2 for 2X)
Sweatshirts Med or Large \$20 XL or XXL \$22 XXXL \$24
Brothertown Jackets by Special Order Only

Baseball Style Included: Name, Logo, and Choice of Pipe or Dreamcatcher

L or XL \$91 XXL \$93 XXXL \$96

Thank you in advance for your help.

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#### PROFILE ON BROTHERTOWN TRIBE TO AIR ON PBS

The Brothertown Indians have been selected to be profiled on the PBS-broadcast series. The Visionaries. An 8-10 minute documentary on the Brothertown Indians, their history and current efforts to secure federal acknowledgement will be featured on this series which is hosed by actor Sam Waterston and broadcast on over 150 stations nationwide. Brothertown tribal member and consultant Nark Baldwin will be assisting the series producers in raising money to produce the profile. If enough funding is secured, filming for the profile could begin during the Brothertown Indian Homecoming the weekend of October 20, 2001. As part of this effort, public presentations of the resulting video will be held in six cities across Wisconsin. These programs will include talks by Brothertown Indians who have been active in the tribe's historical preservation and federal acknowledgement efforts and by local historians familiar with Brothertown tribal history. After the profile is produced, the tribe will receive 100 VHS copies of the documentary to use in our educational outreach efforts. Once the profile is complete it will begin airing on PBS starting in May 2002. The series reaches an audience of 20 million people and the profile will continue to air on PBS over a two-year period. If you know of any foundation, corporation or individual who would like to help provide funding to underwrite this profile, please contact Mark Baldwin at (510) 444-7870 or at sachem13@pacbell.net.

#### FAMILY REUNIONS

The De Grat-Welch Reunion will be held June 23, 2001. In Redwood Falls, MN.

The Shelley Family Reunion is Saturday, July 21, 2001. Monster World Campground and Park. Unity, WI 54488. Noon until ??? \$20 per family, \$15 for senior citizens or couples \$10 per individual. Please respond by July 7 or before. Contact Jackie Shelley, 663 Deerbrush Road, Edgar, WI 54426, 715-687-9216 or Stacy Shelley Weber, 11160 CTH A Marshfield, WI 54449, 715-387-2772. Beverages, meat, and utensils will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs.

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OUR OF TOWNERS: Pickles, olives, chips, snack crackers, snack-ens, trial mix, Cookies, rolls, sliced bread, cheese and sausage.

#### NO GRILLS ARE AVAILABLE

LODGING: Camping is available. First come first serve basis. No Reservations. Hotels
Are available in Fond Du Lac-Holiday Inn, Super 8, Motel 6, Fondy Motel, Lake View Motel and restaurant, Etc.

#### CRAFT SALE WILL BE HELD ALL DAY.

Games for the Little Indians. Several items to be raffled.

Do YOU have aluminum laying around that you just don't have time to take it to the Recycling center??? Bring it to the picnic. We will dispose of it and all monies collected will be donated to the Tribe.

DON'T FORGET to bring gifts wrapped in newspaper and marked boy/girl or man/woman. These will be used for White Elephant Bingo.

DETACH AND RETURN BY JULY 6, 2001

NAME				
ADDRESS				
CITY	STATE	ZIP_	PHONE	

RETURN TO: NANCY AND SANDRA LAMBERT W268 S8490 ALPINE DRIVE MUKWONAGO WI 53149

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE BROTHERTOWN INDIANS OF WI.





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September 7-9 Indian Summer at the Summerfest Grounds, Milwaukee, WI

September 15 Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.\*\*

October 20 Homecoming, Lakeside Park Pavilion, Fond du Lac, Registration at 10:00 a.m.

Potluck meal at noon. Short informational meeting after lunch.

WALKED ON

**Dorothy Mathers** 

d. 5/01

#### **ELECTIONS**

The elections were held on May 19, 2001. Congratulations to Phyllis Mattern-Vice Chairperson, Craig Cottrell-Treasurer, Dawn Kraintz-Secretary, Cy Welch and Dong Foy-Council.

Thank you to the nominating committee Jim Ottery (Mike Pelky), Deb Wentz and Laurie Wentz.

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# Brothertown Quarterly Report September 2001

Compiled by George Wentz, Councilman

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER**

What a hot and wet summer we are having--but the tribe is still forging ahead despite the weather.

Gerry Johnson, Council Member, is on vacation in California but is going to Oregon, Washington and Idaho area. He will be trying to get some input towards amending our present constitution. Other regional meetings will be held where our membership is concentrated in Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin.

The present grant will help to defray some of the expenses incurred with these trips. We will compile all the input, work with the ideas given out, get copies to all head of household, if we have the correct address and then have a vote to accept or recind the ideas.

The Board of Commissioners looked into the purchase of land in Brothertown, part of the original reservation Lot #11. Which is being made available to us. There are 40 acres available for an asking price of \$494,00.00. This includes 300 ft Lake Winnebago frontage with road frontage of 5 acres abutting lakeshore drive with a home, barn and 2 sheds. The purchase of land will assist us in our recognition process.

This is where we need everyone's financial help. We have to depend upon our members. The Council suggested \$35.00 per year, per member over 18 years of age and we are very serious about asking for your financial help. Along with that suggestion the council wants to be able to mail each household a quarterly report four times a year. We need all the help we can get if you are serious about becoming recognized as an Indian Tribe.

The \$35.00 would help defray some of the expense of having 4 quarterly newsletters and the balance to be added to the land fund. The 40 acres would be used for a tribal office, a tribal museum and part of the land be kept natural. This will have to be studied further, such as getting a loan, what taxes would be, and zoning laws. A committee would be formed to keep track of the transactions for who has paid, not paid, payment to be made toward the loan taxes, etc. The committee would also notify those who are delinquent in paying.

During the meeting held in Gresham, WI seven member donated the required \$35.00. As you can see this is a HUGE project to undertake. Your cooperation and \$35.00 will be

greatly appreciated.

The Walk-a Thon was held July 21st, the **HOTTEST** day of the year, and we had 30 brave souls who walked in the "Heritage Walk". When the walk was completed everyone went to the picnic at Calumet County Park. We had 80 in attendance there. Which was a fairly good turnout in spite of the heat. A great time was had by all. However it was somewhat disappointing due to the lack of small children. The Lambert Family, Picnic Committee had games planned for the children but only two were in attendance.

We need better participation in our annual events such as the Picnic, Homecoming and the Walk-a-Thon. We also planned a Golf outing for the following Sunday and had eight people participate. These events are planned to get together and to get better acquainted and to keep you up to date as to what is happening with your tribe. This is **YOUR** Indian tribe; we need participation and interest. Having the Walk-a-Thon collected \$2,800.00. This is to help with the expenses such as administration, keeping the office open and help with maintenance of the Union Cemetery in Brothertown. All for a good cause.

We are #4 on the Bureau of Administration and Resource in Washington, but waiting to be reviewed for recognition.

The Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin has a lawyer and have filed a letter and resolution with the Civil Court Judge in order to seek a claim for six square miles of land in New York that was presented to our tribe in 1788 Fort Schuyler Treaty and never taken away. We are not a part of the Oneida Land Claim at this time.

The higher financial aide of Wisconsin office is still assisting students attending Wisconsin Higher Education Schools. Scholarship forms must be completed and forwarded to the tribal chairperson. Please read further for committee reports, membership, crafts treasurers and a list of your council members and their address and phone numbers.

Migizi Manitou Equay (Eagle Spirit Woman) June Ezold, Tribal Chairperson

#### **Enrollment Report**

As of today we have 2,851 enrolled members. I'm still working on enrollments. So many have applications that don't have everything included I have to take the time to inform them of what they are missing. Please be patient. If you would like to help give me a call 920-722-0311. I also could use more HELP!! Remember when you change your name, address or phone number please let us know so you can receive your Newsletters. Also when writing use your Roll Number.

Waagoosh Equay (Fox Woman) Phyllis I. Mattern, Vice Chairperson

#### BROTHERTON INDIAN HEITAGE WALK-A-THON INVOCATION by Joan D. Waldvogel July 21, 2001

We are gather here today on the same acreage of land that our ancestors walked 160-170 years ago. There were rice paddies along the lake at that time which was a source of food for the body as well as fishing and the raising of crops that both families and animals thrived on. The Lord was present to our People in their daily living which sustained their spirits after the hardships of leaving their homes in New York. Our ancestors were a Christian people and asked the Great Spirit to guide them as they cared for each other, tilled the soil, built roads and cared for their families. We ask the same Great Spirit to Bless our undertakings today!

Many of the first ancestors who walked these roads now rest here along the roadsides. We are grateful to them for the heritage they have left us. Some of the money pledged here today will help keep up the grounds where they now rest as well as some needs of the Brothertown tribe. Thank you for gathering here with us today to walk for a good cause, we are grateful to you. As you walk the road enjoy the spirit of the Brothertown Cemetery, enjoy the healthy growth of crops and the sunshine. May the dust you leave along your road of life also be a legacy to those who may follow your footsteps in years to come.

We ask the Lord's blessing on this day. O Lord, bless our tribe and all who have joined us.

May the warm winds of happiness blow softly on your life! May your moccasins make happy tracks in many snows, and the rainbow always touch your shoulders. We wish you many happy moons and blessings always.

Our thanks to all that have set up this Walk-a-Thon today and our thanks to all that have come to share the day!

Have a GREAT WALK.

#### **ELDERS MEETING**

The Elder's Meeting will be held the 3rd Friday of the month at the Tribal Office at 493 Fond du Lac Avenue 1:30 to 3:30. Any ideas are welcome. We are saving pop cans and so far have collected \$16.50.

Irene Shady

Chairperson, (920) 922-8132

#### **Brothertown Indian Crafts**

Sales for the year have been GOOD. Picnic sales were \$459.00. Dusti Scheibe and myself took care of the Minnesota meeting and the picnic. We paid for a booth space at Indian Summer and are looking forward to this event September 7, 8, and 9th. Making crafts has kept us busy. Making items like dream catchers, small drums, medicine wheels, jewelry, outfits for small dolls, framed pictures, owners sticks, etc. Dusti has also been designing T-shirts, denim and golf shirts. She has ordered hats and various other items to sell.

We also have a booth at Octoberfest, in Appleton, the weekend of September 29. The booth will be near the Lawrence College. Anyone who wants to help please let me know.

I also haven't heard from anyone about having a craft workshop in their home. Call me and let's plan for the good of the tribe.

We would appreciate your help at anytime. So please let us have your e-mail addresses to keep our members updated on any items we have for sale.

To order T-shirts, denim shirts or jackets & hats contact: Dusti Scheibe, 4335 N. Lilly Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005 Phone 262-781-9646
To order other craft items contact: Sandy Pawlacyk, 308 Parkwood Dr., Neenah, WI 54956 Phone 920-722-4305

#### **Peace Rally**

On October 6, 2001 a Peace Rally is taking place in Fond du Lac at the Lakeside Park on Oven Island from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Peace fest will have speakers, entertainment and activities for the children all day long. An all day potluck is planned. I will have a tent set up to show those who are interested how to make a medicine wheel and explain what is represents. If you could help me with this gathering please call 920-923-5183 or fax 920-477-4561, or e-mail packers@dotnet,com.

Thank you, Dawn Kraintz

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#### **BROTHERTOWN HOMECOMING**

OCTOBER 20, 200/ 10 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

WHERE: LAKES

LAKESIDE PARK PAVILION, LAKESIDE PARK, FOND DU LAC, WI PARK.

LOCATED END OF NORTH MAIN STREET, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

**REGISTRATION: START 10 A.M.** 

**FEES:** 

\$1.00 PER PERSON

\$5.00 FOR FAMILY OF 5 OR MORE (IMMEDIATE FAMILY)

NEED:

UTENSILS, PLATES, CUPS, SODA (NO BEER) SANDWICH IF YOU WISH

**DISH TO PASS:** 

SUGGESTIONS: INDIAN DISH, COLE SLAW, HOT I COLD POTATO

SALAD, RAW VEGETABLE PLATE, FRUIT SALAD, BAKED BEANS, PIES, CAKES, DESSERTS, YOUR FAVORITE POT-LUCK DISH.

COFFEE AND MILK PROVIDED.

CHILDREN UNDER FIFTEEN BRING A HALLOWEEN COSTUME, A PARADE WILL BE HELD.

**ELEPHANT BINGO:** 

EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE BRING SOMETHING (SERIOUS OR FOOLISH) WRAP IN NEWSPAPER MARK WITH BOY, GIRL.

MAN WOMAN. THESE WILL BE THE PRIZES FOR BINGO

A SHORT AFTERNOON MEETING WILL BE HELD. (INFORMATIONAL AND QUESTIONS). NO COUNCIL MEETING ON THIS DAY.

DETACH AND RETURN BY OCTOBER 19, 200/

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# FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

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#### THE BROTHERTOWN INDIANS NEED YOUR SKILLS

The days, months, and years ahead will provide us with a plethora of opportunities for positive activism within the Tribe. To paraphrase the old U.S. military recruiting poster, "Your Fellow Brothertown Indians Need YOU!"

All of your existing Committees are short of members. The current members' commitments of leadership, energy, time, and dedication are assuring that the heritage of the Brothertown Indians continues. But, they need help.

Today, volunteers are needed for established committees like Crafts, Heritage and Traditions, and Enrollment. We will also need participants for proposed committees such as Strategic Planning, Business Development, and an Editorial Committee responsible for this newsletter. Not one of these committees can either continue to exist as presently constituted, or even come into effect, without your active involvement.

Tomorrow, as Recognition becomes an actuality and not just a pursuit, we will need your skills in accounting, finance, computers, marketing, public relations, law, real estate, photography and many more fields of expertise that will help the Brothertown Indians flourish.

What will an active leadership role in Tribal matters mean to you? Any number of reasons from the practical – you'll learn new skills; to the philosophical – you'll be making a difference!

## TRIBAL STATUS RECOGNITION PROCESS

In 1979 we filed our intent for Tribal Recognition with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. At the time we were ranked #67 on their waiting roster.

For the past three years we have been #4 on the list but recent developments have created uncertainty about the Recognition process itself. Earlier this year the Bush Administrations' selection to head the Bureau, Neal A. McCaleb, overturned preliminary recognition of two bands granted in the latter days of the Clinton Administration. As a result the status of the Nipmuc Nation of Massachusetts and the Duwamish Tribe of Washington remain in limbo.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

June Ezold, Chairperson, (715) 542-3913 Phyllis Mattern, Vice-Chairperson, (920) 722-0377 Dawn Kraintz, Secretary, (920) 923-5183 Craig Cottrell, Treasurer, (920) 434-3416 Doug Foy, (608) 850-6221 Gerald Johnson, (920) 361-4886 Irene Shady, (920) 922-8132 George Wentz, (262) 392-2551

#### 2002 CALENDAR

#### January

15; Deadline for return of Constitution's 'Preliminary Working Text' recommendations from members 19; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office February

16; Council meeting, 10 a.m., North Fond du Lac Senior Center, 280 Garfield St., North Fond du Lac

16; General meeting, 1:30 p.m., North Fond du Lac Senior Center, [Election of Nominating Committee]

18; Mail 'Draft Constitution' to all members for comments

#### March

16; Council meeting, 10 a.m., North Fond du Lac Senior Center, 280 Garfield St., North Fond du Lac

16; General meeting, 1:30 p.m., North Fond du Lac Senior Center, [Nominations for Council]

#### April

20; Council meeting, 10 a.m., North Fond du Lac Senior Center, 280 Garfield St., North Fond du Lac

20; General meeting, 1:30 p.m., North Fond du Lac Senior Center, [Regional review conference for 'Draft Constitution' comments]

20; Deadline for return of 'Draft Constitution' comments from members TBA; Minnesota general meeting May

18; Council meeting, 10 a.m., North Fond du Lac Senior Center, 280 Garfield St., North Fond du Lac

18; General meeting, 1:30 p.m., North Fond du Lac Senior Center [Election of Council] <u>June</u>

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office 15; Mail 'Proposed Constitution' to all members for ratification voting July

17; Deadline for ratification voting on 'Proposed Constitution'

19; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office 20; Picnic, 11 a.m., Calumet County Park {Coordinated by the Lambert family} [Announcement of 'Proposed Constitution' ratification voting results]

21; Walk-a-thon, 9 a.m., location to be determined

#### August

17; Council meeting, 10 a.m., Gresham American Legion Hall, Main St., Gresham 17; General meeting, 1:30 p.m., Gresham American Legion Hall,

#### September

21; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office October

18; Council meeting, Friday afternoon, office

19; Homecoming and General meeting, 11 a.m., Lakeside Park Pavilion, Fond du Lac November

16; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office December Nothing scheduled

[Notice of upcoming Tribal events is provided three weeks prior to the event in community newspapers throughout Wisconsin.]

[Copies of Council meetings are available by sending a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope to the office.]

#### OFFICE INFORMATION

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there is no 'e' in 'brothrtown'}

Website: www.brothertownindians.org

Tribal Planner: Alan M. Skubal

#### **COUNCIL RESIGNATION**

Cy Welch, a member of the Council since the late 1980's has resigned for health considerations. His unwavering commitment to Tribal affairs will be missed. A search for an interim successor to serve through the spring 2002 election is underway.

#### **GET WELL**

Council member George Wentz is recuperating from surgery. Our best wishes go out to him for a speedy recovery.

#### TRIBAL REPORTS

#### **Board of Commissioners**

Members have been involved in exploring options as they pertain to a Tribal land purchase. On several occasions they have ventured to the Brothertown area to inspect available property, most notably the Maltby Farm, with whom discussions are continuing.

Commission members are:

James Ottery Sr., Chairperson Laura Pawlacyk Mike Pelky Mark Schreiner Jane Wisnefske

#### Craft Committee

Sandy Pawlacyk resigned as Chairperson at the October Homecoming. Since November 2000 she has admirably marketed our crafts. Her energy will be missed.

Dawn Kraintz has accepted the Chairpersonship on an interim basis. Those interested in seeking permanent appointment to the position should contact the office.

Dusti Schiebe continues her active role insuring our clothing items are available. To

order t-shirts, denim shirts, jackets and hats contact her at 435 N. Lilly Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005, phone (262) 722-4305.

#### Heritage and Traditions Committee

If you possess a strong interest in the history of our tribe and have the leadership initiative to cultivate a place for our values in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, contact the office.

#### **Elders Committee**

A 'Bingo at Oneida for Tribal Elders' trip for January 12<sup>th</sup> has been arranged. The bus leaves the Fond du Lac K-mart parking lot at 3 p.m. and all you need do to join in the fun is contact Irene Shady at (920) 922-8132 to make a reservation. The cost is \$40.00 per person but you get back \$54.00 for use at the casino.

#### **Enrollment Committee**

Chairperson Phyllis Mattern has been working with Jane Wisnefske in reviewing the scores of applications already submitted for proper documentation. Many applications are still pending, however, so they need help. Anyone interested in joining the Committee should contact the office

Since this past September, eighteen new members have been enrolled bringing our rolls to 2673 citizens whereas in 1995 our rolls stood at 1620 members.

When submitting changes to the Tribe regarding such things as new addresses, names, phone numbers etc. please include your Tribal Roll Number. Also, if you know a Tribe member who has moved please remind them to let us know their new address. Over 26% of these newsletters are returned as undeliverable.

#### **Sunshine Committee**

Contact Irene Shady at (920) 922-8132 if you, or a fellow Tribal member, are in need of a get-well or sympathy card.

#### **HOMECOMING**

Barbara Roloff and Mary Huberty have once again earned a wholehearted "Thank you" from the Tribe for their coordination of the 2001 Homecoming event at Fond du Lac's Lakeside Park on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for next year's Homecoming on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are always welcome!

#### CONSTITUTION

Since earlier this year the Council has embarked upon the preparation of a Constitution. The reasons are two-fold. First our initial Constitution, which was based on a union constitution, has been revised a number of times to incorporate guidelines for our business venture. Brothertown Nation Incorporated. Over the years the two entities, business and Tribe, have become intertwined. Therefore, prior to Recognition, it was felt the Tribe should segregate the two endeavors. Secondly, if ratification is done prior to our gaining recognition as a Tribe it will not have to be approved by a government agency.

Over the year workshops have been attended, other tribal constitutions have been reviewed, and advisory conferences have been held in Seattle, Fond du Lac, St. Paul, and Chicago. Currently, you should all have in your possession a 'Preliminary Working Text' for your review as well as a cover letter from the Council noting the ratification time-line.

# BROTHERTOWN INDIAN LAND ACQUISTION CAMPAIGN

A reminder to all that January 1<sup>st</sup> means renewal time for the \$35.00 requested of each Tribal adult. Of that amount, \$10.00 is used to defray the cost of our newsletters while the remaining \$25.00 is deposited in the land acquisition fund. Kindly make your

checks out to Brothertown Nation Inc., and mail them to P.O. Box 261, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0261

#### **FUNDRAISER**

A brat-fry will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-5 at PDQ, 400 Van Dyne Road in North Fond du Lac.

Cooks and other volunteers are needed throughout the day so if you are interested contact Irene Shady at (920) 922-8132.

#### WEBPAGE

James Ottery Jr. has resigned as master of our website. Jim provided the professionalism needed to initiate the website and has continued to implement changes since its inception in 1998. Mark Schreiner has volunteered to oversee the website in early 2002 so look for new material regarding Tribal affairs.

#### **FUTURE NEWSLETTER TOPICS**

Do you have an idea for inclusion in the newsletter? Is there a Tribal or personal milestone you'd like to spread the word about? Would you like to pass on a bit of Brothertown folklore? Have you a vision of the Tribe's future you'd like to share?

Send your article or information, no more than 200 words please, to the office. If you are emailing us use Microsoft Word's software application.

"Happy Holidays to all!"

### TRIBAL POLL

#### Return by January 10, 2002

When we eventually secure federal recognition it will establish the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin as a sovereign government. Since 1988 the vehicle that has fueled economic growth most effectively for sovereign Native Americans, both here in Wisconsin and across the country, has been gaming.

With this in mind we want to carry out an informal polling of our membership as to your desire to consider gaming as an economic development means to many ends. If your overall feeling is positive, the Council will keep this in mind as the recognition process continues.

If you will check the statement that best applies to your position and then return it to us no later than January 10, 2002 it will be helpful both to us and, potentially, the future interests of all Brothertown Indians.

Mail this form to:	Brothertown Nation, Inc. P.O. Box 261 Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0261
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