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*The Brothertown Indian's Quarterly Report*

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**Editorial Board: Gerald Johnson, Jane Wisnepske**

## **ELECTION 2002**

At the February General meeting Sandy Pawlacyk, Debbie Wentz, and Laurie Wentz were elected to serve on the 2002 Nominating Committee.

Following a recruitment search, they submitted a list of candidates interested in running for the four (4) expiring Tribal Council terms. The candidates are:

- **Gerald Johnson.** "I'm running for Council to continue pursuing the interests of the Brothertown Indians. Federal Recognition is the most important issue for the immediate future. I am 61 years old, a retired postmaster, and have a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling. I have served two terms on the Council and wish to serve again. My ancestors are Johnson and Fowler."
- **Irene Shady.** "I have served on the Council since the early 1990's serving as chairperson of the Sunshine Committee and Elders Committee. I wish to continue the push for Federal Recognition and a secure future for the tribe. My ancestors are Potter."
- **George Wentz.** "My ancestor is Rachel Roberts listed on the 1901 Roll. I am currently a Council member and have served for many years. I want to continue to work for the tribe."
- **Jane Wisnepske.** "I am a descendent of Emmanuel and Martha (Fowler) Johnson. I have been regularly attending Brothertown Picnics and Homecoming events. I live in Clintonville and regu-

larly attend the Gresham meetings. Since last July, I have been on the Board of Commissioners. These are exciting times for the Brothertown Nation as we move forward to gain Federal Recognition."

The election will be held at the May General Membership Meeting in North Fond du Lac. If you require an absentee ballot, the procedure is as follows:

1. Submit a signed request for a ballot, along with a stamped self-addressed envelope to Dawn Krantz, Tribal Secretary, 188 Rose Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. Only one request per envelope will be honored.
2. Dawn will forward the absentee ballot, utilizing the stamped self-addressed envelope, back to you.
3. Place your filled out ballot into a sealed unmarked envelope, place it into another enveloped addressed to Dawn, and mail.
4. THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL COMPLETED BALLOTS IS FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2002.

## **VOLUNTEER "THANK YOU!"**

The Tribe appreciates the dedication and commitment from the following cadre of volunteers who have donated their time and effort in the past quarter:

Sandra Odekirk  
Lucille Baldwin  
Kathy Zinkgraf  
Linda Shady

Dick Welch  
Elizabeth Snyder  
Adam Parzy  
Joan Waldvogel

Mabel Pownell	Joan Schadewald
Jessica Ryan	Leonard Youngren
Dan Krintz	Rose Pelky
Annette Pownell	Melissa Kavonius
Arlyle and Erv Turnblom	
Marilyn and Don Johnson	
Sandy and Tom Pawlacyk	

**CONSTITUTION**

Progress toward a new Tribal Constitution is continuing. With the membership feedback received from the initial mailing of the "Preliminary Working Text" in December 2001, the Constitution Review Committee has produced stage 2 in the development process. Included in this newsletter, following page 8, are pages 1 to 7 of the "Draft Constitution". Kindly review the document and submit your recommendations by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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.

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 The Annual Minnesota Meeting will be held Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 12-4, at Grace Covenant Church in Little Falls, MN, (320) 632-3529. Prior to the meeting lunch will be served so bring a dish to pass. On the agenda are updates on the recognition process, the drafting of a new constitution, the New York Brothertown situation, consultant Guy Conrad's search for investors, a sharing of other news and genealogy by members, and a chance to just socialize. For additional information contact Marilyn Marthaler, [mmarthaler@aol.com](mailto:mmarthaler@aol.com) (218) 525-7561.

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 The Portland Historical Society in Calumet County will be dedicating a Memorial Bell in honor of individuals who fought in the War of 1812 prior to relocating to Wisconsin.

sin. The ceremony will be held at the Portland Cemetery, 3 miles East of Stockbridge on Calumet County Highway E, from late morning until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Paul Stach, the event organizer, is also attempting to clear up a question about Indians buried in the cemetery. The Stockbridge Indians are not able to confirm that the names Gardner and Flowers were members of their tribe so the question in need of an answer is, were they Brothertown? Paul can be contacted prior to 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m. at (920) 853-3856.

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 The annual picnic is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Brandon County Park, Brandon WI. (Hwy 103 and 44)  
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**INTERIM COUNCIL MEMBER**

Ann Walters has agreed to serve out Cy Welch's term on your Tribal Council until the next election in May 2002. Ann is a former Council member who also served as Tribal Treasurer.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- June Ezold, Chairperson**  
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### CALENDAR 2002

#### April

13; Annual Minnesota Meeting, 12-4 p.m. Little Falls, MN, Little Covenant Church  
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  
20; Deadline for return of 'Draft Constitution' comments from members

#### 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]

#### June

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office

#### July

19; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office  
20; Picnic and General Meeting, 11 a.m., Brandon, WI {Coordinated by the Lambert family}

#### 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; Tentative date for Heritage Walk  
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

### 2003

#### January

18; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office

#### February

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m.  
15; General meeting, 1:30 p.m. [Election of Nominating Committee]

#### March

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m.  
15; General meeting, 1:30 p.m. [Council nominations]

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

### TRIBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Craft

On February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> the Committee displayed its wares at the Mouz Pamp Memorial Powwow in Escanaba, MI. Dawn and Dan Krintz, Rose and Mike Pelky, and Sandy and Tom Pawlacyk hosted the booth raising \$481.00 for scholarships. Mike accepted a Pendleton blanket to present to our Tribal Chairperson June Ezold as a memorial to Bud Davids, a Stockbridge Indian and long-time promoter of the Powwow. Mike ceremonially presented the blanket to June at the February General Membership Meeting.

Workshops to help the Committee create material for sale will be held from 6 until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Tribal office. Contact Dawn, (920) 923-5183, to register or get additional information.

Upcoming showings by the Committee include April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Minnesota Meeting in Little Falls MN, and the July 20<sup>th</sup> Tribal Picnic in Brandon WI. Also, Crafts will be on display and for sale at all General Membership Meetings.

**CORRECTION:** Dusti Scheibe's address was incorrectly printed in the December Newsletter; it should be 4335 N. Lilly Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005. Her telephone number is (262) 781-7335.

#### Enrollment

Chairperson Phyllis Mattern, (920) 722-0311, Jane Wisnefske, and June Ezold are continuing to review the scores of applications submitted prior to the December 2000 suspension of the Rolls. Since January 2002, the Committee has submitted twenty-three names to the Tribal Council for enrollment into the Tribe.

When submitting changes to the Tribe regarding a new address, name, phone number, etc. please include you Tribal Roll Number.

The Tribe continues to lose contact with Tribal members who move and do not pass on their change of address. If you or a Tribal member you know is moving, let us know.

#### Sunshine

Despite undergoing knee surgery in February, Chairperson Irene Shady continues furnishing get-well and sympathy cards to Tribal members. She can be contacted at (920) 922-8132.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER**

June Ezold

Greetings. Haven't we had a great winter. We have, here in Wisconsin, had our white Christmas and then very little snow. I imagine we will be paying for it this summer with it being hot and wet.

The Council wants to thank the members who have been reading their newsletters and sending in their yearly land contribution and newsletter payment. \$25.00 goes to the land fund and \$10.00 for the newsletter. This payment will take you to January 2003, then the next yearly payment will be due. Thank you so very much. To date we have heard from 157. We have 1,060 adult members. We want to hear from each and every one of you with your check for the Tribe to help towards our goal of being recognized. If we do not receive you payment towards this goal the newsletter will not be mailed to your address. Since we started this program each adult (18 years of age or older) member has received a copy of the newsletter. We have received quite a few return do to forwarding address expired or moved left no address. If you are moving or changing your name, when you receive the change of address packet from the post office, please include us in you change of address notice. We do not want to lose you.

James Ottery, Jr. resigned as the Webmaster of the Tribe and we are very sorry to see him leave. He did a great job and he will be missed. Mark Schreiner has agreed to take over within the next few weeks and will bring it all up to date. Thank you Mark and good luck.

There are a couple of events that will be occurring April 13<sup>th</sup>. A brat fry in North Fond du Lac that is being supervised by Irene Shady and family. She will be needing help. To fry, sell and do what needs to be done for the day. This is to be a fund raiser and we need all who can help so please help. Give her a call. Working an hour at a time if we

have enough volunteers and then it will not be such a horrendous job. Supposing we were to sell for 8 hours, if we had 16 people sign up for an hour at a time just think how easy that would make the project. And what we could accomplish. Irene's phone number is (920) 922-8132.

Then the Minnesota Brothertowners are having a regional meeting in Little Falls, MN at the Little Covenant Church on April 13<sup>th</sup>. It starts at 11 a.m.; have a pot luck meal, have an informational meeting and a lot of visiting. It lasts until between 4 and 5 p.m. The crafts people usually have their crafts to sell. This is also a fund raiser plus a regional meeting. There is usually a great turnout for this meeting.

So you can see, we do need a lot of input from our members, YOU!

Dawn Krantz has agreed to fill in for the Craft Chairperson to set up workshops and to schedule pow-wow attendance to help with the sale of our crafts. She is scheduling the workshops, some to be at the Fond du Lac office and some to be at your house if you like. They are usually scheduled on the weekends, cause she works, and the pow-wows are on weekends also. This is not in concrete, she is flexible as to the scheduling and the place. If you want to help your tribe, you can be a huge help by assisting Dawn with her committee. She has the ideas of what to make, is willing to use your ideas also, and I am certain you would find that this project could be a lot of fun and also a great way to get to know other Brothertowners. Some are finding their long lost cousins this way. Dawn's phone number is (920) 923-5183. Call anytime after 5.

Dusti Scheibe is assisting Dawn with printing shirts, jackets, caps, etc. She is in Brookfield, has a business, and has a lot of good ideas for making the crafts project profitable. Her number is (262) 781-7335.

Early Notice: The Lambert Family, of Oconomowoc, are handling the picnic again this year. The picnic is to be July 20<sup>th</sup> at

Brandon County Park, registration 10 a.m. Bring a dish to pass. Brandon, WI is about 21 miles Southwest of Fond du Lac off Highways 103 and 44. Sign up sheet will be in the June newsletter.

### ***BROTHERTOWN CIRCLE***

Debbie Pickering

Since January of 2002, a few of us have been meeting on a monthly basis to explore topics related to Brothertown history and culture. We have decided to call ourselves the Brothertown Circle. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to join us any time. So far, our meetings have focused on genealogy and on the history of the seven communities in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New York from which members of the Brothertown Tribe came. We also share books we have discovered that may be of interest to the group.

Here is a list of our upcoming meetings. If these topics don't interest you, come to the meetings anyway and tell us what you would like to pursue. We are always looking for new ideas and people. As we grow, we will probably break down into sub-groups according to our interests.

- ✓ April 12, in Little Falls, MN. (We are getting together the night before the regular Minnesota meeting on Saturday. The topic isn't selected yet.)
- ✓ On April 17 in Dousman, WI to make baskets.
- ✓ On May 18 in Mukwonago, WI to make traditional clothing.

Our meetings are very informal. PLEASE JOIN US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A BROTHERTOWN INDIAN.

For information about the group or any of the above meetings, you may contact Debbie Pickering [dpwriter@interaccess.com](mailto:dpwriter@interaccess.com) (708) 795-1571, or Caroline Andler

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### ***BROTHERTOWN INDIAN LAND AC- QUISTION CAMPAIGN***

A reminder that January 1<sup>st</sup> was renewal time for the annual \$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 to the land acquisition fund. Mike Pelky reports that 157 people have donated \$6,235.00. Kindly make your checks out to Brothertown Nation Inc., and mail them to P.O. Box 261, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0261.

### ***MEMBERSHIP ID CARDS***

Photo ID cards for all Tribal members are available by contacting Phyllis Mattern, (920) 722-0311, for an application. The Tribal Council has also approved the issuance of cards for the spouses of enlisted members. The cost for a new card for either a Tribal member or spouse remains \$10.00 with a \$5.00 charge if you require replacement of an exiting card.

### ***NEWSLETTER***

Council member Gerald Johnson, (920) 361-4886 [pjriverdale@centurytel.net](mailto:pjriverdale@centurytel.net) and Planning Commission member Jane Wisnefske, [jane.wisnefske@thedacare.org](mailto:jane.wisnefske@thedacare.org) (715) 823-3478 has been confirmed as Editorial Board members for this Newsletter.

Do you have an idea for inclusion in the newsletter? Is there a Tribal or personal milestone you would like to spread the word about? Would you like to pass on a bit of Brothertown folklore or your family history?

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.

### ***OUT-OF-CONTACT MEMBERS***

Tribal records do not include correct addresses for a number of members, including the following. Can you help?

Alger, Renee	Galen, Shawn
Alger, Ryan	Gramentz, Luke
Andersonn, Patricia	Hall, Leora
Andler, Michael	Hansen, Lana
Andrus, Audrey	Healy, Holden
Baker, Michael	Helbling, Christopher
Bassett, Donald	Hurlbut, Archie
Beatty, Doris	Ketner, Robert
Behm, Kevin	Kieso, June
Behm, Steve	Kroenke, Darren
Boettcher, April	Leblanc, Cheryl
Bostwick, Craig	Mahoney, Joseph
Brecke, Cathy	Mapel, Christin
Brookins, Laurel	McGeshick, Cynthia
Burr, Misti	Mohawk, Kayla
Callison, Dean	Mohawk, Lewis
Cassody Family	Moon, Kathleen
Caverly, Sandra	Mulroy, Angie
Chappel, Loretta	Pendleton, David
Coblentz, Crystal	Pittsley, Christa
Confer, Mathew	Polgren, Kathleen
Coyhis, Debra	Roaten, Adam
Cummings, Amanda	Sagle, Robert
Dauzy, Ione	Schreiber, Randall
Decker, Jodie	Schreiber, Richard
DeGroat, Lyle	Sievert, Michael
DeGroat, Orin	Skeesick, Forrest
DeGroat, Tammy	Skeesick, Jessic
Everix, Perry	Skeesuck, Ryon
Folkman Family	Verbeten, Michael Jr.
Fowler, Carley	Welch, Ed 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Welch, Violet

When you move, kindly include us on your list of those to be notified.

### ***RECOGNITION PROCESS***

There has been no action by the Bureau of Indian Affairs concerning our status in the past quarter and we remain fourth on the list. Earlier this year the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Neal McCaleb, told a House

subcommittee the BIA was falling further behind because of a tight budget and inadequate staffing. Consequently, the Tribal Council will be working with an experienced advisor to help speed the process and pave the way for future progress.

### **WEBPAGE**

Mark Schreiner continues to investigate options to revise our Website. Your patience is appreciated.

### **TRUCK FOR SALE**

At last year's Homecoming the Tribe offered for sale a 1985 Chevrolet pick-up truck in a sealed bid auction. The highest bidder has not been able to take possession of the truck so we are once again placing it on the market. The asking price is \$1,500. Contact the office if you are interested.

### **TRIBAL HISTORY**

The following is a reprint of a history of the Brothertown Indians authored by Mark Baldwin for the 2000 Walk-a-thon.

#### *"Who are the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin"*

The Brothertown Indian Tribe was formed when **Samson Occom**, a Mohegan Indian and an ordained minister, urged seven English-Speaking and Christian Indian communities to join together and form a new tribe in central New York, on lands granted to them by the Oneida Tribe in 1774.

Brothertown Indians are descendants of the Pequot and Mohegan Indians that resided in **Mohegan, Mashantucket, Stonington, and Farmington** in Connecticut; **Charleston and Niantic** in Rhode Island; and the **Montawk** on Long Island.

From 1785 through the 1820's the Brothertown Tribe was under incessant pressure to sell its land and move west.

In the early 1800's the state of New York passed laws that stripped away some 14,000 acres of the tribe's 23,000 acre reservation.

The Brothertown Tribe joined the Oneida Tribe and the Stockbridge Tribe in moving to Wisconsin in the 1820's and 1830's.

The Brothertown Tribe **purchased** 23,040 acres of land along the Fox River for its reservation, however, before the tribe moved to the new lands, the U.S. government negotiated an exchange for an equal amount of land along Lake Winnebago.

Shortly after they settled in Brothertown, the government began efforts to remove the Brothertown Tribe to Indian Territory in Kansas.

**Brothertown Indians were the first Indians to become United States citizens in 1839** in an attempt to prevent their removal to Kansas.

By the time of the Civil War, the land that had been divided in severalty as a result of citizenship was lost to non-Indians as economic hardship, fraud, foreclosures and tax sales took their toll.

The Brothertown Tribe continued to advocate for its members by petitioning Congress for permission to clear the title of some remaining land on the former reservation and joined in a lawsuit against the United States in the late 1800's.

By 1910, the Stockbridge and Oneida tribes had lost most of their land as a result of the General Allotment Act and they joined the Brothertown as homeless Indians.

During the 1920's and 1930's, the Brothertown joined with other former New York Indian tribes to pursue a land claim in New York. This claim was eventually dismissed but not before hundreds of Brothertown In-

dians had been defrauded out of their savings and property.

By 1940, the Brothertown Indians were buried in poverty and scattered around the state of Wisconsin, a condition they shared with the Oneida and Stockbridge tribes. However the federal government made efforts to remediate the condition by buying back some of the land the Oneida and Stockbridge had lost. It did not make any effort to assist the Brothertown Tribe.

Brothertown tribal members continued to meet at family reunions and homecoming, keeping their traditions alive until the advent of World War II.

Many Brothertown Indians entered military service or moved to the cities to work in defense plants during the war.

In 1950, The Brothertown Tribe joined in an action alleging that lands in Wisconsin belonging to Emigrant New York tribes had been taken without compensation by the United States.

After a lengthy series of hearings and appeals the Emigrant New York Indians including the Brothertown were given a small cash award after the tribe updated its roll of members in 1968.

In 1978, the United States government established regulations to restore trust relationships with tribes like the Brothertown.

In 1979, the Brothertown Tribe and its members began the arduous process of researching and documenting the tribe's history from 1600 to the present day.

Former Wisconsin Governor Lee Dreyfus declared 1982 as the "Year of the Brothertown Indian in Wisconsin" acknowledging the tribe's numerous contributions to the state and celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Wisconsin.

In February 1996, the Brothertown Tribe submitted its acknowledgement petition to the federal government.

Today, the Brothertown Tribe is number 4 on the list of tribes waiting to have their petition activated for review.

Today, the Brothertown Tribe is pursuing community development activity and raising funds to help purchase land in Brothertown to establish a tribal headquarters.

In the future, federal recognition will become a reality and the Brothertown will become eligible for all Bureau of Indian Affairs services and government programs providing assistance to "recognized" Indian Tribes.



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## CONSTITUTION OF THE BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION

*Draft text, March 16, 2002*

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### PREAMBLE

We, the Brothertown Indian Nation referred to herein as 'the Nation', having a long and continuous history of sovereignty and self-governance which predates the establishment of the United States of American and continues to this day. And having signed many treaties with the United States, in which the sovereignty of the Nation was recognized and honored, do adopt and amend this Constitution to:

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- a. Preserve our identity as a distinct political and historic Indian Nation, to strengthen the Nation as a federally recognized, self governing entity; to preserve and protect forever our Nation and to safeguard it from those who would diminish it;
  - b. Preserve and protect law and custom among our people that promotes domestic tranquility and respect for our environment;
  - c. Preserve and promote our culture, traditions, and values so that they may be passed to our children, our grandchildren, their children's children, for all time;
  - d. Promote the general welfare of our Community/Nation including but not limited to the health, education, social, economic and spiritual well being.

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### ARTICLE I – TERRITORY AND JURISDICTION

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#### I, SECTION 1: TERRITORY

The territory of the Nation includes the area within the boundaries established by the Treaty of Fort Schulyer in 1788, and all lands within or without the State of New York which have or may hereafter be added thereto under any law of the United States; those lands identified in Kansas; those lands identified in Wisconsin; and to such other lands as the United States may acquire for the benefit of the Nation, or which the Nation may acquire for itself. The territory of the Nation shall include, to the fullest extent permissible under Federal law, all lands, property, airspace, surface rights, subsurface rights, other natural resources and any interest therein, tenements, hereditaments, all water rights, all accretions, and those rights not expressly ceded, which are either now or in the future are owned by the Nation or held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Nation or individual members of the Nation, notwithstanding the issuance of any right-of-way.

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#### I, SECTION 2: JURISDICTION

The Nation shall have jurisdiction to the fullest extent of its sovereign power over all persons, subjects, property and activities occurring within or without the boundaries of the territory defined by this Article and in accordance with federal law.

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#### I, SECTION 3: TREATY RIGHTS NOT RESTRICTED

Nothing in this Article shall be construed as restricting any treaty rights, or any other rights of the Nation and its members.

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## ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

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#### II, SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP

The Nation possesses the inherent authority to make membership determinations. Membership in the Nation shall consist of the following:

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- 57 a. Any person is eligible for membership who can prove that they are a descendant of a  
 58 Brothertown Indian from one of the following rolls:  
 59 1) Certified Rolls of 1839 and addenda; or  
 60 2) Certified Rolls of 1901 and addenda.  
 61 b. All persons enrolled as Brothertown Indians on the date of passage of this Constitution.

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 63 **II, SECTION 2: ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE**

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 65 The Tribal Council shall have the power to adopt ordinances governing the acquisition and loss of  
 66 enrollment based on Article II, Section 1.  
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68 **II, SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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 70 The administration of the foregoing powers and of all bylaws and ordinances affecting community  
 71 membership shall be vested in a Membership Committee. The acts of such Committee shall be subject to  
 72 review by the Tribal Council.  
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74 **II, SECTION 4: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

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 76 a. All spouses and children who are not tribal members, and not affiliated with any other Indian  
 77 Tribe, shall have the right to an Associate Membership.  
 78 b. Associate members shall have the right to serve on committees. They shall not vote or hold  
 79 an elected Nation office.  
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 82 **ARTICLE III – TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
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 85 The governing body of the Nation shall be called the “Brothertown Indian Nation Tribal Council”,  
 86 hereafter referred to as the “Tribal Council”, and shall be composed of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson,  
 87 Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) additional Council members, for a total of nine (9) Council members.  
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89 **III, SECTION 1: QUALIFICATIONS**

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 91 a. All Tribal Council members must be at least 21 years of age on the date of election and must  
 92 be duly enrolled members of the Nation. Convicted felons are not qualified to serve on the  
 93 Tribal Council unless the Council of Elders deems the individual rehabilitated and fit to  
 94 qualify for such a leadership position.  
 95 b. Any Tribally elected official, or those running for Tribal Council, shall not be eligible to serve  
 96 on the Election Committee or as a Sachem. Any person serving on the Board of  
 97 Commissioners, and seeking a position on the Tribal Council must, upon final election results  
 98 confirming the position, immediately resign from the Board of Commissioners. Any member,  
 99 serving on the Election Committee and seeking a position on the Tribal Council must resign  
 100 from their committee position prior to running for a position on the Tribal Council.  
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102 **III, SECTION 2: ELECTION PROCESS**

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 104 a. The February General Membership Meeting, in addition to conducting other business, shall  
 105 include election of the Election Committee. The March General Membership Meeting, in  
 106 addition to conducting other business, shall include a report from the Election Committee  
 107 identifying nominees for Tribal Council as well as receiving nominations from the floor.  
 108 Election of the Tribal Council shall be held at the May General Membership Meeting.  
 109 b. The Election Committee, with the advice and consent of the Tribal Council, shall be  
 110 authorized to issue such rules and procedures as may be necessary to carry out elections. The  
 111 term of the Committee shall expire with authentication of the election results.

- 112 c. The Council of Elders shall hear and resolve all allegations of impropriety by the Election  
113 Committee, or allegations of impropriety in the Election process. The determination of the  
114 Council of Elders shall be final.  
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116 **III, SECTION 3: VOTING**

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118 a. Elections shall be conducted by popular vote. All elections shall be conducted by secret  
119 ballot, whether at polls or through absentee ballots.  
120 b. All enrolled members, at least eighteen (18) years of age, shall have the right to vote.  
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122 **III, SECTION 4: TERM**

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124 a. Tribal Council terms shall be defined as the period of time a qualified person is elected to  
125 serve on the Tribal Council; or the period of time that a qualified person is appointed to serve  
126 out a vacancy until the next Tribal election.  
127 b. The persons holding the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer  
128 shall be elected for a term of three (3) years and shall not serve more than three (3)  
129 consecutive elected terms in the same office. The remaining five (5) Council members shall  
130 be elected for a term of two (2) years.  
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132 **III, SECTION 5: REMOVAL**

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134 a. Any Tribal Council member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings shall be subject to  
135 removal from the Tribal Council unless there is a bona fide reason, as determined by the  
136 Tribal Council.  
137 b. The Tribal Council may, by affirmative vote of seven (7) members, remove any member of  
138 the Tribal Council for neglect of duty or gross misconduct, including but not limited to  
139 convictions of any offense involving moral turpitude; conviction of a felony; or misuse of  
140 authority. Prior to a vote to remove the Tribal Council member, the accused shall be given an  
141 opportunity to answer any and all charges at a designated Tribal Council meeting.  
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143 **III, SECTION 6: VACANCIES**

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145 In the event of the death, resignation, or removal of a Tribal Council member, the Tribal Council shall  
146 declare a vacancy and the Chairperson shall accept and review recommendations of individuals seeking  
147 appointment to the position. The Chairperson shall then provide recommendations to the Tribal Council,  
148 which shall include but not be limited to, the person receiving the next highest vote count at the prior  
149 election, if such exists. The Tribal Council shall make the determination as to the appointment of the  
150 vacant position.  
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152 **III, SECTION 7: MEETINGS**

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154 a. Regular Tribal Council Meetings shall be held at least once per month, currently the third  
155 Saturday of the month. A quorum shall consist of five (5) Tribal Council members, one (1) of  
156 who must be an officer.  
157 b. General Membership Meetings shall be regularly scheduled throughout the year. The Tribal  
158 Council may call General Membership Meetings provided adequate notice is given. A  
159 quorum shall consist of five (5) Tribal Council members, one (1) of who must be an officer,  
160 and fifteen (15) members of the tribal constituency.  
161 c. All meetings of the Tribal Council shall be open to enrolled and associate members of the  
162 Nation. All said members shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard by the Tribal  
163 Council, in accordance with regulations established by the Tribal Council. The Tribal  
164 Council may meet in closed session, with a quorum of six (6) members, for the following  
165 limited purposes:  
166 1. Personnel matters;  
167 2. Claims against the Nation;

- 168 3. Business matters involving consideration of bids or contracts which are privileged or  
 169 confidential; or  
 170 4. Political matters where the Nation's interests would be jeopardized by the release of  
 171 information to the public.  
 172 d. All business shall be conducted in accordance with the Nation's meeting guidelines.  
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### 174 III, SECTION 8: FIRST ELECTION

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 176 a. The first election of Tribal Council members shall be conducted in accordance with this  
 177 Article V.  
 178 b. The election shall be conducted no later than ninety (90) days after this Constitution is  
 179 ratified. The date for the first election shall be set by the Council in office when this  
 180 Constitution is ratified.  
 181 c. The election shall be conducted to implement a system of staggered terms of service by Tribal  
 182 Council members. The Chairperson and Treasurer shall each serve an approximate three-year  
 183 term. The Vice-Chairperson, and three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes  
 184 for a non-officer position on the Tribal Council, shall each serve an approximate two-year  
 185 term of office. The Secretary, and two (2) candidates receiving the next highest number of  
 186 votes for a non-officer position on the Tribal Council, shall each serve an approximate one-  
 187 year term of office.  
 188 d. The Tribal Council Chairperson in office when this Constitution is ratified, with the advice  
 189 and consent of the Tribal Council, shall appoint an Election Committee. Such appointments  
 190 shall be made no later than thirty (30) days after this Constitution is ratified. The term of said  
 191 committee shall expire with authentication of the election results.  
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### 194 ARTICLE IV - POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

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 196 The powers and responsibilities of the Tribal Council shall encompass but not be limited to the following:  
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- 198 1) To promote and protect the general welfare of its citizens;  
 199 2) To provide for the maintenance of law and order and the administration of justice; to establish  
 200 law enforcement agencies; to enact civil laws governing the conduct of any person within the  
 201 Nation consistent with federal law;  
 202 3) To protect and preserve all property of the Nation;  
 203 4) To negotiate with tribal, federal, state, and local governments;  
 204 5) To purchase, manage, lease, permit or otherwise deal with tribal lands, interest in lands or  
 205 other tribal assets and purchase of otherwise acquired lands or interests in land within or  
 206 without the reservation and place in trust those for the benefit of the Nation and its members;  
 207 6) To make and perform contracts and agreements consistent with the provisions of this  
 208 Constitution;  
 209 7) To levy and collect taxes or assessments against members, non-members and businesses;  
 210 8) To prepare an annual budget and administer any funds within the control of the tribe; make  
 211 expenditures from available funds for tribal purposes;  
 212 9) To provide for the creation of organizations, including public and private corporations, which  
 213 may be nonprofit or profit making, and to provide for the regulation of activities of such  
 214 organizations;  
 215 10) To retain legal counsel in accordance with federal guidelines established by the Bureau of  
 216 Indian Affairs;  
 217 11) To advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates or federal  
 218 projects for the benefit of the Nation prior to the submission of such estimates or projects to  
 219 the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress;  
 220 12) To create and enforce all ordinances and resolutions.  
 221 13) To exercise its power under this Constitution and to exercise all inherent powers of the Nation  
 222 not expressly excluded from its authority by the United States Congress.  
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## **ARTICLE V – JUDICIARY**

### **V, SECTION 1: JUDICIAL POWER**

The judicial power of the Nation shall be vested in the Council of Elders.

### **V, SECTION 2: COUNCIL OF ELDERS**

- a. The Council of Elders shall serve as the court of final appeal for all cases or controversies arising under this Constitution, ordinances, resolutions or rules.
- b. The Council of Elders shall consist of all members of the Nation who have attained age 55 or older.
- c. The Council of Elders shall elevate five (5) members from within their ranks as Sachems who shall have the voting responsibility on all matters presided over by the Council of Elders.
- d. Any judgement and order of the Council of Elders shall be deemed final and binding upon the Nation and the parties to the dispute.
- e. At the request of the Tribal Council, the Council of Elders shall provide an advisory opinion on any matter within its jurisdiction.

## **ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The purpose of the Board of Commissioners is to serve as an elected governing body entrusted with the autonomy to manage all for-profit ventures undertaken by the Nation. The Board of Commissioners shall be comprised of five (5) Nation members.

### **VI, SECTION 1: QUALIFICATIONS**

- a. All Board of Commissioners' members must be at least 21 years of age on the date of election and must be duly enrolled members of the Nation. Convicted felons are not qualified to serve on the Board of Commissioners unless the Council of Elders deems the individual rehabilitated and fit to qualify for such a leadership position.
- b. Any Tribally elected official, or those running for Board of Commissioners, shall not be eligible to serve on the Election Committee or as a Sachem. Any person serving on the Tribal Council, and seeking a position on the Board of Commissioners must, upon final election results confirming the position, immediately resign from the Tribal Council. Any member, serving on the Election Committee and seeking a position on the Board of Commissioners must resign from their committee position prior to running for a position on the Board of Commissioners.

### **VI, SECTION 2: ELECTION PROCESS**

The March General Membership Meeting, in addition to conducting other business, shall include a report from the Election Committee identifying nominees for Board of Commissioners as well as receiving nominations from the floor. Election of the Board of Commissioners shall be held at the May General Membership Meeting.

### **VI, SECTION 3: VOTING**

- a. Elections shall be conducted by popular vote. All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot, whether at polls or through absentee ballots.
- b. All enrolled members, at least eighteen (18) years of age, shall have the right to vote.

280 **VI, SECTION 4: TERM**

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282 Members of the Board of Commissioners shall be elected to serve a five (5) year term.

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284 **VI, SECTION 5: REMOVAL**

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286 The Council of Elders shall adjudicate any issue concerning the removal of a Board of Commissioners' member.

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289 **VI, SECTION 6: VACANCIES**

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291 In the event of a death, resignation, or removal of a Board of Commissioners' member, the position shall remain vacant until the next scheduled election.

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**VI, SECTION 7: FIRST ELECTION**

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a. The first election of the Board of Commissioners shall be conducted in accordance with this Article VI.

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b. The election shall be conducted no later than ninety (90) days after this Constitution is ratified. The date for the first election shall be set by the Tribal Council in office when this Constitution is ratified.

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c. The election shall be conducted to implement a system of staggered terms of service by Board of Commissioners' members. The one (1) candidate receiving the highest number of votes for Board of Commissioners shall serve an approximate five-year term of office. The one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve an approximate four-year term. The one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve an approximate three-year term. The one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve an approximate two-year term. The one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve an approximate one-year term.

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**ARTICLE VII – CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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**VII, SECTION 1: DEFINITION**

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No official of the Nation, whether elected or appointed, shall make or participate in making decisions which involve balancing a substantial personal financial interest, other than interests held in common by all members of the Nation, against the best interests of the Nation.

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**VII, SECTION 2: ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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The fact that an elected official may not vote on a matter before their respective elected body because of a conflict of interest shall not prevent that member from otherwise participating in a meeting of that elected body or from determining the existence of a quorum.

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**ARTICLE VIII – OATH OF OFFICE**

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All elected and appointed officials shall take the following oath of office prior to assuming the duties of that office:

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“I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly affirm that I shall uphold and defend the Constitution, sovereignty, and traditions of the Brothertown Indian Nation and that I will carry out faithfully and impartially the duties of my office to the best of my ability.”

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#### **ARTICLE IX – SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

The Tribal Council has not and shall not waive or limit the right of the Nation to be immune from suit, except as authorized by statute or resolution.

#### **ARTICLE X – SAVING**

All enactments of the Nation adopted before the effective date of this Constitution shall continue in effect to the extent they are consistent with this Constitution, unless such enactments are revoked or amended in accordance with this Constitution.

#### **ARTICLE XI – SEVERABILITY**

If for any reason any provision of this Constitution shall be held to be invalid, the validity and effect of all other provisions shall not automatically invalidate the entire document.

#### **ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS**

The ratification of this Constitution, and subsequent amendments to said Constitution and all bylaws, may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Nation voting at an election called for that purpose by the Tribal Council, provided that at least thirty percent (30%) or five hundred (500) members, whichever is largest, of those eligible to vote shall vote in such election. All amendments to this Constitution shall be filed with the Secretary of the Interior within fourteen (14) days of the final count.

#### **ARTICLE XIII – POPULAR PARTICIPATION**

The members of the Nation shall have the power to propose by petition to the Tribal Council an amendment to any ordinance or resolution in accordance with any bylaws established for popular participation.

#### **FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO:**

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# **EOYAMQUITOOWAUCOMUCK**

*The Brothertown Indian's Quarterly Report*

**JUNE 2002**

*Editorial Board: Gerald Johnson, Jane Wisnefske*

## **ELECTION 2002**

Your votes have been tabulated and the following members have been elected to your Tribal Council for a 2-year term:

George Wentz  
Irene Shady  
Gerald Johnson

Jane Wisnefske was also elected to serve out the remaining 1-year of Cy Welch's vacated term.

The vote was conducted either through absentee ballot or at the General Meeting on May 18, 2002.

## **VOLUNTEER "THANK YOU!"**

The Tribe appreciates the dedication and commitment from the following cadre of volunteers who have donated their time and effort in the past quarter:

Herbert Shady Jr.	Thomas Wightman
Nicole Copley	Linda Shady
Carol Heller	Laurie Wentz
Deb Wentz	Jean Wentz
Mindy Wentz	Tony Wentz
Brittany Brown	Shanna Miller
Ed and Lynn Miller	Mary Hoey
Heidi Welch	Ray Driscoll
Michael & Lisa Welch	Dick Welch
Dan Krintz	Mark Baldwin
Lucille Baldwin	Germaine Patt
Coral Hankwitz	Patty Brandl
Mabel Pownell	Nancy Lambert
Mike & Rose Pelky	Annette Pownell
Melissa Kavonius	Marilyn Marthaler

Rose Kramer                      Kaylene Y. Proll  
Arlyle and Erv Turnblom  
Joan & Frank Waldvogel  
Carol & Leonard Youngren

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The DeGroat/Welch family reunion on June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be held at noon at the Ramsey Park lower shelter in Redwood Falls, MN. A potluck dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. Contact chairpersons Dennis Gramentz, (515) 965-3973, or Naomi Leith, (507) 637-2374, for information.

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Submitted by Jane Wisnefske: The Lutheran Church of the Wilderness of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Community of Bowler, WI will hold a special dedication worship on June 30<sup>th</sup> as follows: 10 a.m. - Worship service with a jazz band; 11:30 a.m. - feasting; 2 p.m. - dedication service. The service will dedicate the major renovation project to make the church handicapped accessible and to thank the many volunteers, including people throughout the United States, who came to work on the project. The Pastor is Stephen Shriner. Many of our Brothertown people from the Gresham/Shawano area attend the Church of the Wilderness located at N9157 Moheconuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416-9473, telephone (715) 793-4975.

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July 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a "Return to Maple Grove" reunion. Located in Manitowoc County, the unincorporated Maple Grove community is located on County Highway G between Grimms and Wayside. Richard J. Sheehy, (920) 734-4673, in a letter to the



Tribal Council states; "we believe that Native Americans must have lived in the Maple Grove area before the Europeans arrived. However, we have no idea which Native American nation people these were. We would like to recognize the Native Americans that lived in the Maple Grove area. Can you help us? Is it possible to find living descendants of those people who might be interested in attending the reunion on July 7<sup>th</sup>?"

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Fond du Lac County Fair, July 17-21. The Crafts Committee will have a display. Volunteers are needed so call Dawn Krantz (920) 923-5183

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The annual picnic is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Brandon County Park, Brandon WI. (Hwy 103 and 44)

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The third annual Heritage Walk, Picnic, & Cultural Celebration will be held September 21<sup>st</sup> at Fireman's Park in Stockbridge.

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Annual Homecoming celebration, Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> in Fond du Lac

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### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Tribal Planner: Alan M. Skubal

### **CALENDAR**

#### **2002**

#### June

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office  
22; DeGroat/Welch reunion, noon, Ramsey Park in Redwood Falls, MN

#### July

19; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office  
20; Picnic and General Meeting, 11 a.m., Brandon, WI {Coordinated by the Lambert family}

#### 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

20; Council meeting, 3 p.m., office  
21; Heritage Walk, Calumet County

#### 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

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January

18; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office

February

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m.

15; General meeting, 1:30 p.m. [Election of Nominating Committee]

March

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m.

15; General meeting, 1:30 p.m. [Council nominations]

April

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m.

26; Brat Fry, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at PDQ, 400 Van Dyne Road in North Fond du Lac

May

17; Council meeting, 10 a.m.

17; General meeting, 1:30 p.m. [Council election]

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

***BRAT FRY***

Irene Shady

The Brat Fry was held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at the North Fond du Lac PDQ. This is the first time that I had ever done something like this and I am happy with the turn out and am very proud of the workers for the good job they did. The workers had a workout and had all that they could do to keep up with the cooking because the Fire Department of NFDL came and ordered 25 brats and 25 hamburgers, and they had them ready within 30 minutes.

The event raised \$800.00 which has been turned over to the Tribal Council. Next year's brat fry has been scheduled at the same location for April 26<sup>th</sup>.

***HERITAGE WALK, PICNIC, & CULTURAL CELEBRATION***

Joan Waldvogel

ATTENTION WALKATHON ADVERTISERS!

IF YOU ARE IN BUSINESS - HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP THE BROTHERTOWN CAUSE as WELL as receive FREE ADVERTISING for your own enterprising business!

Your ad will contribute to defraying expenses for the Walk, the Brothertown efforts to re-claim recognition, and to defray the cost of maintaining the Union Cemetery of our Brothertown ancestors. For the cost of the ad; - \$25 for a 4 1/2 x 2", \$50 for a 4 1/2 x 4 ", \$75 for a 4 1/2 x 5 3/4" and \$100 for a full page 4 1/2 x 7 1/2" - your business ad will appear in the Commemorative Walk Program Booklet. THEN, in the December Newsletter, your business will be further acknowledged for your support. Please send your ad, along with a check made payable to BROTHERTOWN NATION, INC., by August 15, 2002, to: Joan Waldvogel N64 W23463 Ivy Ave. Sussex, WI 53089. Phone: (262) 246-3040 if you have any questions.

We THANK you for any support offered!

[Registration materials for the walk are located later in this newsletter.]

***FINANCIAL REPORT***

The Tribal Council authorized and received a final audit on the Brothertown Indian Resource, Craft, and Housing Development Grant. The auditor's report notes that the Tribal accounting records are in accord with "generally accepted accounting principles".

***RECOGNITION PROCESS***

There has been no action by the Bureau of Indian Affairs concerning our status in the past quarter and we remain fourth on the list.

## **TRIBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Craft

Workshops to help the Committee create material for sale will be held from 6 until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>; and Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>; at the Tribal office. A variety of items will be worked on so please bring your ideas, samples, and instructing skills. If you need supplies, let us know.

The Committee will also have their wares on display and for sale at the following events:

- July 20, Tribal Picnic in Brandon
- July 17 - 21, Fond du Lac County Fair. Volunteers are needed for 1-hour, or so, shifts.
- August 17, Gresham General Meeting
- October 19, Annual Homecoming

Dusti Scheibe's address is 4335 N. Lilly Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005. Her telephone number is (262) 781-7335.

Contact Dawn Krainitz, (920) 923-5183, to register, volunteer, or get additional information about any of the events Crafts participates in.

### Elders

Chairperson Irene Shady is seeking your assistance toward reinvigorating the committee.

- What day do you want to meet?
- What time of day?
- What ideas do you have for involving more of the Elders; Crafts? History? General conversation?
- If the meetings are over lunchtime, do you want to bring a dish-to-pass or go out and eat?
- Can you help organize and facilitate the meetings?

Let Irene know your thoughts by calling her at (920) 922-8132.

### Enrollment

Chairperson Phyllis Mattern, (920) 722-0311, and June Ezold are continuing to review the scores of applications submitted prior to the December 2000 suspension of the Rolls. Since March 2002, the Committee has submitted twelve names to the Tribal Council for enrollment into the Tribe.

When submitting changes to the Tribe regarding a new address, name, phone number, etc. please include you Tribal Roll Number.

The Tribe continues to lose contact with Tribal members who move and do not pass on their change of address. If you or a Tribal member you know is moving, let us know.

### Sunshine

Chairperson Irene Shady continues furnishing get-well and sympathy cards to Tribal members. She can be contacted at (920) 922-8132.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER**

Greetings from a mixed up place in regard to the weather. Is this summer, winter, or fall? At least we do not have a draught as some of our members are going through.

Congratulations go out to the victors in our annual May meeting. George Wentz, Irene Shady and Gerry Johnson were elected for 2 years and Jane Wisnefske was elected for 1 year. Ann Walters received 15 write in votes and Mike Pelky 1 write in vote. Congratulations again and I know they will do a great job in guiding your tribe. Also thank you for the 90 members who participated.

At recent meetings, many of you have met and heard Guy Conrad, our overall advisor regarding federal recognition and ensuing economic development. He is helping us pull together the strongest team to optimize

our chances for successfully, and most rapidly, securing recognition. As part of this, he is also working to identify and present to the Council experienced and committed investor partners who wish to fund all that's needed now and be with us for the long haul. The Council will then make any final decision on this. Guy will provide more detail on all of this in the next newsletter.

#### AWARD!!!!

Stephanie (Bostwick) Resch, an enrolled member of the Tribe, was awarded recognition in the UW-Oshkosh Hall of Fame this month. A plaque with her name will hang in the Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1974 to give tribute and recognition to former athletes, coaches and friends of the University. Stephanie, a Brown Deer high school graduate, was a member of the UW-Oshkosh women's track and field team from 1990-1992. She applied for financial assistance through Higher Financial Aids Office of Wisconsin when she started College.

Stephanie lives with her husband and child in Menomonee Falls, where she teaches elementary school physical education classes and serves as an assistant girl's track and field coach in the Menomonee Falls High School

Congratulations!! We are all proud of you Stephanie.

A couple of corrections to our last newsletter. \$491.00 raised by our craft people in Escanaba was not turned over for a scholarship. It was put into the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin treasury.

The article about Samson Occum was taken from the article written by Dr. Jack Campisi and Mark Baldwin took the information from that writing. He did not compose the article himself and felt he should not take the credit for it.

We are now at a time again for all members wanting to get involved. Give this a listen.

The annual DeGroat/Welch family reunion will be held June 22, at Redwood Falls, Mn. at the lower shelter at Ramsey Park at noon for a potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. Look forward to a great day of fund and fellowship so please pass the work. Dennis Gramentz (515) 965-3973 and Naomi Leith (507) 637-2374 are chairing this event.

The annual picnic to be at Brandon Park July 20. Nancy Lambert of Oconomowoc, and her family are chairing the event. See the special section explaining all about our picnic.

The annual walkathon is being held September 21 starting at Stockbridge Firemen's Park and ending at Calumet County Park, a distance of 4.5 miles. Joan Waldvogel and her committee are planning a great walk. That is also explained further in the newsletter.

Then our annual homecoming is October 19<sup>th</sup> and is being planned by Barb Roloff and her family to be held at Lakeside Park Pavilion, Fond du Lac.

So you can see there are several opportunities to work and help your tribe. A lot of events planned for your participation.

The Brothertown Circle is working very hard to learn about the culture, history, dances, and the dress for your tribe, to pass information on to the Tribe. They meet once a month or so at different homes and come up with a lot of information.

Hopefully the hard working constitution committee will have a drafted constitution to be sent out shortly to each household to be ratified. Remember your vote does count. Read it carefully and give your opinion. This will be in effect for a long time. The last constitution was amended in 1988.

A grant was written by Mark Baldwin, assisted by tribal planner, and it has been sent

to Administration for Native Americans to be reviewed, to start your tribe in economic development (affordable housing) to be a partner with a local real estate company.

The Council wants to thank the members who have been reading their newsletters and sending in their yearly \$35.00 for land contribution and newsletter payment. \$25.00 goes to the land fund and \$10.00 for the newsletter. This payment will take you to January 2003, then the next yearly payment will be due. Thank you so very much. To date we have heard from 221. We have 1,060 adult members. We want to hear from each and every one of you with your check for the Tribe to help towards our goal of being recognized. If we do not receive your payment towards this goal the newsletter will not be mailed to your address. Since we started this program each adult (18 years of age or older) member has received a copy of the newsletter. We have received quite a few return do to forwarding address expired or moved left no address. If you are moving or changing your name, when you receive the change of address packet from the post office, please include us in your change of address notice. We do not want to lose you.

It has been brought to our attention a number of members want the names and addresses of all enrolled members to be given to those requesting it. What is your opinion about doing this? Let us hear from you.

A suggestion was made that if someone wants to mail information to our enrolled members, why not have the information sent to the office and have it mailed out by the office staff. There could be a minimal charge for this service.

It was also suggested that if someone is interested in contacting members in a certain area, a notice could be put in the quarterly report or on the web page asking them to get in touch with the party interested in contacting them for some reason.

What is your opinion on this matter? Please let us hear from you.

Remember the book A MAN CALLED SAMPSON that has been out of print. Well, it has been reprinted, in soft cover and will be \$30.00 plus \$2.25 for mailing - a percentage of the proceeds are being donated to the land acquisition fund. A lot of you have been asking for a copy. Write to Willis Ottery, 83 Irving Dr., Weare, NH 03281. There is a copy of an order blank to be completed in the newsletter.

Also, Joan Waldvogel has her book FAMILIES OF EGGINK AND WELCH and can be purchased by writing to Joan Waldvogel, N64 W23463 Ivy Ave., Sussex, WI 53089.

So, as you can see, members of your Tribe have been busy and have done some wonderful projects in regard to our ancestry. and it all helps in our recognition process.

Hope to see you at some of the events that have been planned for your participation.

Thank you to all the people who have contributed to the history of our Tribe and their talents, time and energy they have so willingly given.

Until next time and hope to meet you in the future.

June Ezold  
Magisi Manitou Equay.

**BROTHERTOWN CIRCLE**  
Debbie Pickering

Since January of 2002, some of us have been meeting on a monthly basis to explore topics related to Brothertown history and culture. People from several states have responded although they may not attend our meetings in Wisconsin. Most of us did not know each other before we started attending the meetings.

So far, we have discussed genealogy and the history of the seven New England communities, made baskets based on patterns from New York, and learned how to make traditional regalia. On June 1, we will be in Dousman, WI learning traditional dances. We also share book titles and information about conferences and workshops that may be of interest to the group.

At the June 1 gathering, we will plan future meetings. PLEASE JOIN US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A BROTHERTOWN INDIAN. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. We are always looking for new ideas and people. Our meetings are very informal.

For information about the group or to find out about future meetings, you may contact Debbie Pickering (708) 795-1571 [dpwriter@interaccess.com](mailto:dpwriter@interaccess.com) or Caroline Aidler [andlerck@execpc.com](mailto:andlerck@execpc.com) (262) 965-3994 or Nancy Lambert (262) 363-2363 [nlambert@wi.rr.com](mailto:nlambert@wi.rr.com) or Martha Stephenson [stephenm@mail.uww.edu](mailto:stephenm@mail.uww.edu) (608) 243-9410.

**ATTENTION:** Northwest Brothertowners! If you are interested in working a Northwest Circle with me, Trudy DeLora, but under the direction of Debbie Pickering, please contact me at [kayhut@aol.com](mailto:kayhut@aol.com) or write me at 815-124<sup>th</sup> St. S. W., Space 131, Everett, WA 98204. You can also call me at (425) 290-6257. Thanks for your interest.

### ***BROTHERTOWN INDIAN LAND AC- QUISTION CAMPAIGN***

A reminder that January 1<sup>st</sup> was renewal time for the annual \$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 to the land acquisition fund. Mike Pelky reports that 221 people have donated \$8,290.00. Kindly make your check out to Brothertown Nation

Inc., and mail to P.O. Box 261, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0261.

### ***CONSTITUTION***

The Constitutional Review Committee continues to work on the preparation of a document to guide the Tribe in the generations to come.

Greg Smith, a Tribal attorney, met with the Committee and several Tribal Council members to discuss issues.

### ***MEMBERSHIP ID CARDS***

Photo ID cards for all Tribal members are available by contacting Phyllis Mattern, (920) 722-0311, for an application. The Tribal Council has also approved the issuance of cards for the spouses of enlisted members. The cost for a new card for either a Tribal member or spouse remains \$10.00 with a \$5.00 charge if you require replacement of an exiting card. Since March, eighteen new and renewal ID cards have been issued.

### ***NEWSLETTER***

Council members Gerald Johnson, (920) 361-4886 [pjriverdale@centurytel.net](mailto:pjriverdale@centurytel.net) and Jane Wisnefske, (715) 823-3478 [jane.wisnefske@thedacare.org](mailto:jane.wisnefske@thedacare.org) serve as Editorial Board members for this Newsletter.

Do you have an idea for inclusion in the newsletter? Is there a Tribal or personal milestone you would like to spread the word about? Would you like to pass on a bit of Brothertown folklore or your family history?

Send your article or information, to the office. If you are emailing us, use Microsoft Word's software application.

### ***OUT-OF-CONTACT MEMBERS***

Tribal records do not include correct addresses for a number of members, including the following. Can you help?

Alger, Ryan	Fowler, Carley
Andersonn, Patricia	Galen, Shawn
Andrus, Audrey	Gramentz, Luke
Baker, Michael	Hall, Leora
Bassett, Donald	Hansen, Lana
Beatty, Doris	Healy, Holden
Behm, Kevin	Helbling, Christopher
Behm, Steve	Hurlbut, Archie
Boettcher, April	Johnson, Julie
Bostwick, Craig	Ketner, Robert
Bostwick, Pamela J	Kieso, June
Brecke, Cathy	Leblanc, Cheryl
Brookins, Laurel	Mapel, Christin
Burr, Misti	McGeshick, Cynthia
Callison, Dean	Mulroy, Angie
Cassody Family	Nett, Eleanor P.
Coblentz, Crystal	Pendleton, David
Confer, Mathew	Roaten, Adam
Coyhis, Debra	Schreiber, Randall
Cummings, Amanda	Schreiber, Richard
Dauzy, Ione	Sievert, Michael
Decker, Jodie	Skeesick, Forrest
DeGroat, Elizabeth K.	Skeesuck, Ryon
DeGroat, Orin	Toll, Kimberly
DeGroat, Tammy	Underwood, Judith
DeGroat, Wilbur	Welch, Ed 3rd
Douglas, Jody	Welch, Violet
Driscoll, Kayla	Winter, Barbara
Everix, Perry	

When you move, kindly include us on your list of those to be notified.

### WEBPAGE

Mark Schreiner has been regularly updating our Website. If you have not checked it for a while go to [www.brothertownindians.org](http://www.brothertownindians.org) and follow the various links.

To meet our future needs, Mark is exploring additional options that would allow greater dissemination of tribal information and increase the tribe's internal communication.

### HERITAGE

[Reprinted with the permission of the author,  
James Ottery]

Utilizing some of the "Westernized" words of Samson Occom's, words that were written in the white man's language, I created the following poem:

#### The Diary of Samson Occom

He put his life into words  
his life  
as a protestant preacher  
his life  
as a preacher and teacher before  
the Society for Propagating the Gospel  
his life  
two years in England  
raising money for an Indian  
Charity School  
his life  
*funds misdirected* for founding  
a white Dartmouth College instead

He put his life into words  
not of his mother tongue  
in the words of a language  
he had not known until turning 16  
he wrote of his life until then in words  
not of his mother tongue  
he wrote of his life until then  
in very few words

*I was born a Heathen  
and Brought up in Heathenism  
until I was between 16 & 17 Years of age,  
at a place calld Mohegan...*

He put his life into words that were  
not of his mother tongue  
the English learned first at 16  
in the language that was  
not his mother tongue  
he would write  
*Having Seen and heard Several Representations,  
In England and Scotland [two words crossed  
out]  
by...Some gentlemen in America, Concerning me  
and finding many [crossed out: misrepresenta-  
tions]  
gross Mistakes in their account, -  
I thought it my Duty to Give  
a Short, Plain, and Honest Account of my Self*

*whilst I am still alive, yet to doe Justice  
to myself and to those  
who may desire [two words crossed out]  
to know something concerning [word crossed  
out] me...*

Samson Occum placed  
his life  
into words and we read  
his life  
in the words of another  
who read enough of  
his life  
to write of Mohegan  
*at the center of the most fervent  
religious awakening  
in New England*  
and how two converted  
were *Sarah Occum* and Samson her son,  
how Sarah convinced  
a good reverend  
who years later *misdirected*  
the Indian  
Charity School funds  
Sarah convinced him  
to teach her son  
the white man's language  
to teach him  
despite the fact that she  
had no money to pay for lessons  
convinced him that  
she could *contribute some labor*  
to Reverend Wheelock  
to other family members

Samson Occum placed  
his life  
into the words of the white man  
because he *believed*  
*the Indian had to conform  
to white ways*  
conform to the ways of the white man  
in order to be saved  
conform to the ways of the white man  
who slaughtered his mother's tribe at  
Mystic River  
conform to the ways of the white man  
who would crowd out Mohegans  
and all of the rest of the New England tribes  
conform to ways of the white man  
who brought *intemperance*

*licentiousness  
and disease*  
conform to the ways of the white man  
because his ways  
Samson Occum could see  
were to be the New World way  
conform to the ways of the white man  
the American way  
and hope that someday  
the white man would be better for it

Samson Occum placed  
his life  
into the words of the white man  
because he believed  
it was what he must do  
but not his whole life  
in the language not  
of his mother tongue  
he does not write much  
of his wife  
he does not write much  
of daughters and sons  
he does not write much of  
his personal life  
poverty  
depression  
alcohol  
He does not write of these things  
in the white man's words

Sometimes there are not  
the words for life  
in a language that's not  
your mother tongue

"Having Seen and heard Several Representations, In England and Scotland. . . by . . . Some gentlemen in America, Concerning [himself]. . . and finding many gross Mistakes in their account," Samson Occum felt the need to tell his own story, to share his life in the language that was not his own so that those who most needed to "hear it" could understand and mark and remember it. Occum's desire provides the lesson of that which is the imperative of Native education in the literature that is American Indian storytelling.



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JULY 20, 2002**



**HELD AT BRANDON WI COUNTY PARK**

**Directions:** From Fond du Lac: South on US 151, West on 103, North on 49 to Brandon County Park. From Milwaukee; North on US 41, West on 49 to Brandon County Park. From Madison: North on US 151, west on 49 to Brandon County Park.

**REGISTRATION:** Begins at 10:00 A.M.

**FEES:** \$1.00 per person  
\$5.00 for an immediate family of five or more.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Plates, cups, eating utensils, soda, bottled water, (coffee and milk will be provided), and any other items you may wish to bring to make your day more enjoyable. (No Alcoholic beverages please).

**DISH TO PASS:** Bring your favorite casserole, meat (roast beef, chicken, ham), fruit medley, veggies, salad (potato, pasta, vegetable), baked beans, various desserts, pickles, olives, chip & dip, cheese and crackers. (Please bring containers for the snack.) There will be electrical outlets and grills available.

**LODGING:** Campgrounds in the Waupun and Green Lake area. 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 Games and White Elephant Bingo.

**DETACH AND RETURN BY JULY 5, 2001**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Team Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

PLEASE ADD TOTALS PRIOR TO WALK >>>>>>>

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The Brothertown Indian's Quarterly Report  
SEPTEMBER 2002

Editorial Board: Gerald Johnson, Jane Wisnefske

## NOTICE!! NOTICE!!

### CONGRATULATIONS. ANOTHER POSITIVE STEP TOWARDS RECOGNITION!

The Tribe has purchased a parcel of land on the ORIGINAL Brothertown reservation. The closing will be forthcoming in September.

The ¼ acre plot of tree lined property, including a 2.5 car garage, was listed for \$24,000 but purchased for \$23,200. A small portion of the reservation has returned with more to come. The land is on Point Beach Road in the Brothertown Township.

Congratulations! You all did this with your contributions. You all now own land on which your ancestors settled.

June Ezold

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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September 6-8, Friday-Sunday, Indian Summer Festival in Milwaukee. The Crafts Committee and Brothertown Circle will be in attendance.  
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September 20, Friday, 3 p.m., Tribal Council meeting at the office.  
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September 21, Saturday, **Third Annual Heritage Walk and Cultural Celebration.** Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the 7-kilometer (4.5 miles) Walk commencing at 9

a.m. Leave your vehicle at the Calumet County Park ski lodge; you will be shuttled to the starting point at Fireman's Park in Stockbridge. Lunch and entertainment to follow. For more information contact Joan Waldvogel, (262) 246-3040 or the Tribal office.

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October 17, Thursday, noon, Elder Committee meeting at the office.

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October 18, Friday, Tribal Council meeting at the office.

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October 19, Saturday, 10 a.m., Annual Homecoming celebration at Fond du Lac's Lakeside Park. A registration form is provided later in this newsletter.

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October 26, Saturday, the Brothertown Circle will meet in Clintonville to learn quilt making

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## 2002

### November

16; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office

### December

Nothing scheduled

## 2003

### January

18; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office

### February

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m.

15; General meeting, 1:30 p.m. [Election of Nominating Committee]

March

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m.  
15; General meeting, 1:30 p.m. [Council nominations]

April

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m.  
26; Brat Fry, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at PDQ, 400 Van Dyne Road in North Fond du Lac

May

17; Council meeting, 10 a.m.  
17; General meeting, 1:30 p.m. [Council election]

June

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

July

Council meeting, 10 a.m., office

August

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

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

***VOLUNTEER "THANK YOU!"***

The Tribe appreciates the dedication and commitment from the following cadre of volunteers who have donated their time and effort in the past quarter:

Mike Davis	Linda Shady
Elizabeth Snyder	Laurie Wentz
Deb Wentz	Jean Wentz
22Sandy Pawlacyk	Shawna Miller
Martha Stephenson	Mary Hoey
Shirley Maltby	Ray Driscoll
Sandy Lambert	Dick Welch
Dan Kraintz	Trudy DeLora
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ArlyleTurnblom	Hannah Alberts
Lynn Miller	Mark Schreiner
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Cecelia Besaw	Barb Roloff

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Tribal Planner: Alan M. Skubal

## **BROTHERTOWN ANNUAL PICNIC**

**2002**

*The Lambert & Schumacher Families*

It was a beautiful sunny day for our annual Brothertown picnic this year. Brandon Park was very suitable for the picnic and the additional shade provided by the canopy brought and erected by Mike Pelky and his "helpers" really worked out well. We started the day with a Four Directions ceremony lead by Sandy Pawlacyk. A dozen or so members also participated and to our delight several young members. It was good to have more children this year, which enabled Sandy Lambert to do the piñata, and, with Martha Stephenson's help, they also were able to do some crafts.

There really isn't much that needs to be said about the wonderful display of food that always accompanies our gatherings. We always have a wide variety, a lot of it, and it is always delicious. For the 80 plus people that attended, it is remarkable that we really didn't have any dishes that were the same.

We didn't play bingo this year but gave the white elephant items away through raffle tickets that were given to each person. Thanks to those of you that brought white elephant items.

I want to take a minute to mention some other folks who contributed to the picnics success. Jane Wisnefske put together a "jeopardy" type game that enlightened us in our Indian heritage. Dusti Schiebe provided the winners with T-shirts that she made especially for the picnic. Caroline and Bob Andler very generously donated some very nice door prizes to give away. As a special treat, we were wonderfully entertained by Dick Welch and his story telling. It was very much appreciated that Dick agreed to do the story telling at the picnic this year. He was excellent and is a real asset to our tribe.

We want to extend a big "thank you" to all of these wonderful folks for sharing their

time, talents, muscles and gifts so generously. We greatly valued all of your help. Last but not least, a special thank you to all of you who participated in cleaning up after the picnic.

The picnic was a great opportunity to get together and see each other. It was especially nice to see folks who traveled a long distance to attend. I know we had some members who came from Tennessee.

To end a perfect day, the rain waited until we all were in our vehicles on our way home. Was the Lord, our Great Spirit, looking down on us or what?? Have a healthy and prosperous year and we will see you all next year at the 2003 Brothertown picnic.

### ***"THANK YOU" RECEIVED***

*Jane Wisnefske*

Our Brothertown Nation provided cultural and religious information during August to assist a summer Bible School at Pipe, WI. This church is in Calumet County close to Brothertown and our Wisconsin reservation. It was very well received as you can read in the note sent to my attention:

*"Our Vacation Bible School program was a huge success. We had between 25-30 children and we had a very good program. We chose four Native American legends and then matched a Biblical passage that has some similarities with the legend.*

*"Thank you for the VBS curriculum that you sent. We used some of the games from the appendix. I took the information from the index and I'm in the process of getting my copy of the material."*

*Pastor Keith Weiland  
St. Paul's UCC*

## **CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER**

*June Ezold  
Magisi Manitou Equay*

It does not seem possible that winter might just be around the corner. Where did the summer go? My mother always said that when one is young the days go by so slow, when one gets older the days are too short, not long enough. How very true.

We have lost several very dear friends of the tribe. Ilene Loppnow, a very dear elder, passed away in June. She would have been 79 years of age. Her family donates \$170.00 to the tribe in her memory. She was very dedicated and active in the tribe. In fact, she was the spark plug on the trip our east a couple of years ago. Her smiling face and energy will be missed.

Vera Stephenson, a very dear and sweet elder, passed away August 17 at the age of 95. To my knowledge she was the oldest of our elders at the present time. Correct me if I am wrong. She was a devoted mother, caregiver, seamstress, cook and bottle washer plus a tireless volunteer. She always had a smile and a pleasant greeting when she saw you. Vera was loved by all who knew her. A great lady. She will truly be missed.

John Ebert, a historian and librarian, not a tribal member but a very dear and close friend of the Brothertown Tribe, passed away July 24th. He was instrumental in arranging to have our archives moved to the Fond du Lac Historical Society when we were asked to leave Marian College due to the overcrowding at the college. We did not have a place to go and he helped find a place to relocate us. He was helpful in every way he could be in assisting our goal of being federally recognized. Along with his wife Maureen, started the microfilming of our membership rolls. They completed the records of the membership that were located at the office at the time. Both Ilene and John will be sadly missed and leave a gaping hole in our relationships.

Another sad event. Mabel Pownell, a member who was very helpful when it came to planning earlier picnics and crafts, lost her home in Waupun, after an electrical storm. Lightning struck the home and burned the top floors. It was a total loss, plus all her memories after living there for 22 years. She is still very helpful in making crafts and will head up the picnic for next year. She is now living in an apartment in Fond du Lac, waiting for a home to be built. If you would like to help in any way, contact one of the Council members and they will be able to direct you. Your prayers will help too.

On a happy note and we do have a few, the Gasch Apple Orchard, next to the Dick Cemetery in Brothertown, has invited us to be included in one of their events that they have on the weekends during their season, from September to November. We will sell crafts and tell the story of the cemetery and the area where we were located. They receive a lot of questions, especially about the cemetery. We will be there October 12 and 13th with some crafts and brochures. Maybe you could visit at that time also. This will be after our walkathon September 21st and before our Homecoming October 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will be meeting with our lawyer, Jeanne Whiting, to fill us in on the necessary steps needed to be recognized. Will keep you all informed as to the procedure or procedures needed to accomplish that feat. As I said, we do have a few happy happenings.

There follows information in this report that should be of interest to you. Hope to see you in the not too distant future.

## ***RECOGNITION UPDATE***

### Native American Federal Recognition Criteria

Following are the Bureau of Acknowledgements (BAR) standards that must be met by a non-recognized tribe in order to attain recognition.

- 1) Establish that they have been identified from 1900 to the present on a substantially continuous basis as 'American Indians' or 'aboriginal'.
- 2) Establish that a substantial portion of the group inhabits a specific area or lives in a community viewed as American Indian and distinct from other populations in the area, and that its members are descendants of an Indian tribe that historically inhabited a specific area.
- 3) Furnish a statement of facts which establishes that the group has maintained tribal political influence or other authority over its members as an autonomous entity throughout history until the present.
- 4) Furnish a copy of the group's governing document or, in the absence of such a written document, a statement describing in full the membership criteria and the procedures through which the group currently governs its affairs and its members.
- 5) Furnish a list of all known current members of the group and a copy of each available former list of members based on the group's own defined membership criteria. The membership must consist of individuals who have established, using evidence acceptable to the Secretary of the Interior, descendancy from a tribe that existed historically or from historical tribes which combined and functioned as a single autonomous entity.
- 6) Establish that the membership of the group is composed principally of persons who are not members of another North American Indian tribe.
- 7) Establish that neither the group nor its members are the subject of congress-

sional legislation that has expressly terminated or forbidden the Federal relationship.

### Federal Recognition and Economic Development

*Guy Conrad*

Currently, The Brothertown Nation petition for federal recognition ranks third chronologically on the Branch of Acknowledgement (BAR), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) 'Ready Status'. It achieved Ready Status on 2/28/96 -- just two weeks after submission -- with no obvious deficiency letters from the government. The nation initially informed the BIA of its intent to seek federal recognition on 4/15/80!

The next and final category is 'Active Status'. Most of the approximately dozen or so tribes currently on Active Status are in various stages of appeal on decisions already rendered; with many final decisions and deadlines occurring before the end of the year. As this occurs, the Brothertown petition moves closer to being placed on Active Status, the final step before a proposed finding is issued. Once the Bureau informs a tribe that it is ready to place the tribe on Active Status, the tribe has the option of saying it needs more time to finalize all aspects of its petition. This is important because once you agree to go on Active Status, you can submit no further materials of any kind until the comment period after the proposed decision. Thus, a tribe needs to be certain it has all the best possible information gathered to pass the Bureau's seven criteria for federal recognition before it agrees to go on Active Status. (The seven criteria were listed before this article.) On the flip side, if it tells the Bureau it is not ready, it might not be able to go right to Active Status when it is ready. It wouldn't lose its position, but it might have a further delay until the BAR feels it has a team of researchers available to work on the petition.

Once placed on Active Status, the BIA has legally only a maximum of 18 months including extensions to deliver its "proposed



finding” (positive or negative) that may be sought by the petitioner or interested parties (states, towns, etc.). Unfortunately, even these legal deadlines are often not met. Upon the decision being published in *The Federal Register*, a six-month comment period follows -- subject once again to extensions by the petitioner, other interested parties, or the BIA. The BIA then has up to another 60-days to issue its final decision (yes, Virginia, once again subject to extensions, appeals, et al). Aha, but some good news; the petitioner (that’s us) has 30 days to rebut any negative comments from interested parties submitted during the six-month comment period. In other words, we have the last shot.

Confused? Join the roughly 30 tribes given findings since 1978 (half-positive, half-negative); or the dozen or so in the final decision process; or another 200+ tribes BELOW us on the Ready Status list; or those with recently submitted petitions or just letters stating they will be submitting petitions.

Bottom line: The Brothertown Nation is currently in the Top 15 and slated to move up -- perhaps as early as the end of the year.

Now what’s critical, and what will be undertaken, to make the petition as bullet-proof as possible prior to going on Active Status is to maximize the prospects for a proposed positive finding as opposed to a negative one. At minimum, an addendum needs to be prepared that relates the content submitted and accepted in 1996 to new BIA recognition guidelines passed after that date. In addition, the final roll needs to be reviewed with a fine-toothed comb for genealogical accuracy and community involvement before being certified. Finally, all positive new information since 1996 needs to be presented in the most pertinent manner. As with anything this intricate and involved, this calls for a team of experienced historians, anthropologists, and genealogists who have produced success on other petitions.

Beyond this, it is equally important that proper and impactful government (federal, state, local) and community outreach efforts (organizations, media, identification of support and non-support groups) are undertaken. Plus, strategies and planning will need to be in place regarding potential legal action at any step of the way, as well as protecting Brothertown Nation interests every step of the way. Many tribes have brought suit to hasten a process that has most often failed to meet its own deadlines and this is another decision the Brothertown may face at some point.

If federal recognition is received it opens up numerous government assistance programs and enables the tribe to pursue gaming to best bring about self-sufficiency. Nation members voted recently by an 85% majority to pursue economic development programs, including gaming, as the best and most rapid vehicle to provide the health and human service benefits most desired by all members -- college education, health care, assisted living, transportation, senior benefits, day care, funding to re-establish Brothertown culture and tradition, etc. To harness and focus the potential gaming vehicle to provide all these long-term benefits to the future seven generations and beyond involves all the costs stated to secure recognition. Still others include land acquisition, getting this land put into trust and negotiations with both federal agencies and state government, as well as developing and finalizing regional support. If reputable, often publicly held and accountable, gaming entities can be convinced of the Brothertown’s eventual ability to move forward with gaming, the Nation can then secure advances for all costs to be repaid only if it is successful in moving ahead with gaming. This is the manner with which most tribes across the country have successfully moved their recognition process effectively ahead, and it is now what is being explored on behalf of the Brothertown. As it carries only the obligation to repay out of gaming revenues in a reasonable manner and provides additional advisory expertise from investors, it does pro-

vide the probability for a win/win situation. Like everything else any gaming entity is a tribal enterprise operated for an initial period by the investor under terms approved by the Tribal Council and the National Indian Gaming Commission which acts in the tribe's behalf. The goal of this, as stated initially in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), is to have the investor/operator mentor the tribe which can then take over operations itself if it so chooses after the agreed term. While many tribes extend the operator's first term; some take advantage of a buyout option to manage everything earlier, usually after four years.

All of this is some way down the line. Best case probable scenario is 2-3 years if the recognition process can be moved effectively through existing channels, legally, or both. In the context that the Brothertown first petitioned for federal recognition in 1980, it sounds a lot less onerous. Regardless, if the Brothertown do receive federal recognition, any wait will seem well worth it.

#### How can you help the Tribe attain recognition?

Our Tribe's existence must be proven not through hearsay, but tangible evidence. To those of you who have generously supplied us with information in the past, we thank you and are utilizing that information. However, if you have found additional photos of Tribal functions dating to 1920, contact the office! If you have additional written evidence such as newspaper clippings, magazine articles, organizational minutes that relate to our Tribe, government documents, or family diaries that specifically relate to the Tribe dating back to 1920 contact the office!

## **REPORTS**

### Craft

Over the past 3 months representatives of the Crafts Committee have exhibited their products at the DeGroat Reunion in Minnesota, the Tribal picnic in Brandon, the Fond du Lac County Fair and the general meeting held in Gresham.

In the upcoming months the Committee will have their wares on display and for sale at the following events:

- September 6-8, Indian Summer Festival in Milwaukee. Section K, Tent #1, Vendor 8 & 9.
- September 21, Heritage Walk, Calumet County Park.
- October 19, Annual Homecoming, Lakeside Park Pavilion in Fond du Lac.

Dusti Scheibe's address is 4335 N. Lilly Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005. Her telephone number is (262) 781-7335.

Contact Dawn Krantz, (920) 923-5183, to register, volunteer, or get additional information about any of the events Crafts participates in.

### Elders

The next meeting of the Elders Committee will be Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at noon in the Tribal office.

With the drive for recognition gaining momentum, we need the Elders experiences and reminiscences to further enhance our sense of Tribal community. Your attendance at the meeting is essential!

For more information contact Irene Shady at (920) 922-8132.

### Enrollment

Nineteen new members, all of whom had submitted applications prior to suspension of

the Rolls in December 2000, have been added to the official Roll in the last quarter.

The Tribe continues to lose contact with Tribal members who move and do not pass on their change of address. If you or a Tribal member you know is moving, let us know.

When submitting changes to the Tribe regarding a new address, name, phone number, etc. please include you Tribal Roll Number.

For enrollment information contact Phyllis Mattern (920) 722-0311.

#### Financial

'Summary Balance Sheet: August 16, 2002'

<i>Assets</i>	
Current Assets:	
Check/Savings	\$30,345.63
Other	<u>495.19</u>
TOTAL	\$30,840.82
Fixed Assets	<u>36,349.88</u>
Total Assets:	\$67,190.70

<i>Liabilities &amp; Equity</i>	
Liabilities:	
Current Liabilities:	
- Accounts payable	\$ 245.76
- Other	<u>2,379.37</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,625.13
Equity	<u>\$64,565.57</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$67,190.70

#### Sunshine

Chairperson Irene Shady continues furnishing get-well and sympathy cards to Tribal members. She can be contacted at (920) 922-8132.

**BROTHERTOWN CIRCLE**  
*Debbie Pickering*

If you are interested in learning about Brothertown history and culture, you are

invited to join us at any of our meetings. We are a group of Brothertowners from several states who wish to know more about our ancestors and what their lives were like.

So far, we have discussed genealogy and the history of the seven New England communities, made baskets based on patterns from New York, learned how to make traditional regalia, learned some Indian dances, visited a Wisconsin Family History Center and the Stockbridge Munsee Museum, and shared books on a variety of topics related to the Brothertowners.

Here are the dates and locations of upcoming meetings. If these topics don't interest you, come to the meetings anyway and tell us what you would like to pursue. We are always looking for new ideas and people. As we grow, we will probably break into subgroups according to our interests.

On Sunday, September 8, we will meet in Milwaukee at the Indian Summer Festival staged at the Maier Festival Park (also referred to as the Summerfest grounds). After the 10:30 a.m. church service held in the Marcus Amphitheater, we will return to South Gate 6 to meet other Brothertowners. Then we will find a spot to sit and meet informally.

On September 21, most of us will be participating in the Brothertown Heritage Walk. On October 19, we will attend the Homecoming in Fond du Lac.

On October 26, we will meet in Clintonville, Wisconsin, at the home of Jane Wisnefske where Rose Kramer and her daughter, Jessica, will show us how to make star quilts.

REMINDER: At the July picnic, we passed out information about an essay contest we are sponsoring for the children. Any school age child may enter. Winners will earn \$25 or \$50. The topic is "What it means to be a Brothertown Indian." Be sure to send those essays to Caroline Andler by October 1. The winners will be announced at Homecoming. If you have any questions, contact

Caroline Andler. [A form can be found later in this newsletter.]

PLEASE JOIN US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A BROTHER-TOWN INDIAN. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

For information about the group or to find out about future meetings, you may contact Debbie Pickering (708) 795-1571 [dpwriter@interaccess.com](mailto:dpwriter@interaccess.com) or Caroline Andler [andlerck@execpc.com](mailto:andlerck@execpc.com) (262) 965-3994 or Nancy Lambert (262) 363-2363 [nlambert@wi.rr.com](mailto:nlambert@wi.rr.com) or Martha Stephenson [stephenm@mail.uww.edu](mailto:stephenm@mail.uww.edu) (608) 243-9410.

Northwest Brothertowners! If you are interested in working a Northwest Circle with me, Trudy DeLora, but under the direction of Debbie Pickering, please contact me at [kayhut@aol.com](mailto:kayhut@aol.com) or write me at 815-124<sup>th</sup> St. S. W., Space 131, Everett, WA 98204. You can also call me at (425) 290-6257. Thanks for your interest.

### **CONSTITUTION REVIEW**

The Constitutional Review Committee will submit the 'draft constitution' to the Tribal Council in the upcoming weeks.

### **LAND ACQUISITION CAMPAIGN**

A reminder that January 1<sup>st</sup> was renewal time for the annual \$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 to the land acquisition fund. Kindly make your check out to Brothertown Nation Inc., and mail to P.O. Box 261, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0261.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Council members Gerald Johnson, (920) 361-4886 [pjriverdale@centurytel.net](mailto:pjriverdale@centurytel.net), and Jane Wisnefske, (715) 823-3478 [jane.wisnefske@thedacare.org](mailto:jane.wisnefske@thedacare.org) serve as Editorial Board members for this Newsletter.

Do you have an idea for inclusion in the newsletter? Is there a Tribal or personal milestone you would like to spread the word about? Would you like to pass on a bit of Brothertown folklore or your family history?

Send your article or information, to the office. If you are emailing us, use Microsoft Word's software application.

### **WEBPAGE**

Mark Schreiner, who has been the singular force behind our website, has announced his intention to resign as webmaster so he can concentrate more on our efforts to enhance the Tribe's technology. Those with the skills, time, and commitment to assist us in the presentation of our WebPages as we pursue recognition should contact the office.

### **PRACTICE PRESERVES TRIBAL TRADITIONS**

*Caroline K. Andler*

Tribal history is more than faceless names and documented facts. To truly know your Tribal history, it is important for each member to learn and participate in the traditions of our ancestors.

Practice is what keeps our traditions alive; otherwise they will be lost in those great chasms between generations. Traditions form bridges that help us find our way back to our roots without feeling lost.

When you take the time to learn about your ancestors lives, whether it's through their clothing or their language, their food or their music, you come to understand more about

them as individuals, and you grow just a little closer to them. You begin to share more than just a name; you share a culture, a tradition, and a heritage.

Take time to research the origins of certain celebrations observed by our Brothertown ancestors and incorporate them into our celebrations. The Green Corn Festival was a very important occasion for all Algonquin Indians. Corn was considered a sacred plant. Although our ancestors cultivated many other crops, particularly beans, squashes and tobacco, corn was the most important.

Story telling is an art form that helps to bridge the gap too. Just as individuals have stories, Our Nation has myths and legends. In some cases these stories are well documented, while other family stories appear to bear some embellishment. Either way, the oral and written traditions of our Nation can teach us quite a bit about the type of world our ancestors lived in, and how they adapted to that world.

Learning some of our tribe's native language will help bring us closer to them and keep our heritage alive. When they came to Wisconsin, there were still a few elders who spoke some Narragansett and/or Mohegan. Weegwasum (Good Morning) – Wauregun (All things are good and wonderful) – Akwini (Peace). When you meet a Brothertown cousin say Aquai! instead of Hello!

Traditional music enjoyed by our ancestors will help move you in ways you never thought possible. Music is from the heart and soul. Listen to Native music with your eyes closed and try to imagine our ancestors dancing to it.

Learn the dance steps and dance the Intertribal dances at Powwows. "The Intertribal Dance at Powwow recognizes diversity among tribal people as well as other ancestries. The Intertribal Dance celebrates these differences by connecting each dancer to the other. It is a reconciliation dance. In this

dance, all people are welcome to dance, regalia or not, Indian or not. As the diverse group circles the great beat of life, the hoop of love is proclaimed in dance. The Intertribal Dance links uniqueness to uniqueness. Here the web of life is recreated. Each fiber is honored as important as another. The Intertribal Dance weaves a pattern of Mitakuye-Oyasin (We are all related), for the Intertribal Dance acknowledges the great connection to all children of this Earth Mother." (Quoted from Earth Dance Drum, A Celebration of Life by Blackwolf)

Like music and language, physical items from the culture of our ancestors can provide another link to our past. Display Native American articles in your home. Create some of your own by researching the clothing worn in New England, the Brothertown Settlement in New York and here in Wisconsin. Learn to make the traditional Black Ash Splint baskets made by our Grandmothers in New England and New York. These baskets were used to store all kinds of food and household supplies. Traditionally our people made them for their own family use but in the 1700's and 1800's many families chose to earn money making and selling splint baskets to the European settlers. Food is a delicious way to educate your family about the customs and cultures of our Brothertown ancestors. If you're adventurous you can plan an entire meal, using only the vegetables, fruits and meats our ancestors had available to them.

*\*Algonquin Nokake\**

A wonderful side bread to eat with a hearty soup or stew. And ohhhh so simple to make.

- 2 cups of corn meal
- 2 cups of water
- 3 tablespoons of butter
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 tablespoon of fresh chopped dill

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Bring water to a boil in a medium sized pan, remove pan from heat, add all the ingredients to the water, mix WELL... Add mixture to a buttered 8-inch baking pan and bake for 20 minutes or until done. Cut into squares and serve. This is really great with chowder.

## OUT-OF-CONTACT MEMBERS

Tribal records do not include correct addresses for a number of members, including the following. Can you help?

Alger, Ryan	Green (Germaid) Lori
Anderson, Dephine	Hall, Leora
Andersonn, Patricia	Hansen, Lana
Andrus, Audrey	Hanson, Rachel
Baker, Michael	Hayes, Willie
Ball, Dennis Jr.	Healy, Holden
Bassett, Donald	Helbling, Christopher
Beatty, Doris	Hurlbut, Archie
Behm, Kevin	Johnson, Bernard
Behm, Steve	Johnson, Julie
Bender, Christopher	Jordan, Gage
Blair Bryan	Jordan, Tyler
Boettcher, April	Ketner, Robert
Bostwick, Brenda L.	Kieso, June
Bostwick, Craig	Leblanc, Cheryl
Bostwick, Duane A.	Linville, Elizabeth
Bostwick, Pamela J	Mapel, Christin
Branstetter, Kelley	<del>Mathers, Grace</del>
Brecke, Cathy	McGeshick, Cynthia
Brookins, Laurel	Mulroy, Angie
Burr, Misti	Nett, Eleanor P.
Callison, Dean	Niles, Tanya
Cassody Family	Park, Herbert
Coblentz, Crystal	Pendleton, David
Confer, Mathew	Roaten, Adam
Coyhis, Debra	Schreiber, Randall
Cummings, Amanda	Schreiber, Richard
Dauzy, Ione	Shelley, Rodney
Decker, Jodie	Sievert, Michael
DeGroat, Elizabeth K.	Skeesick, Forrest
DeGroat, Orin	Skeesuck, Ryon
DeGroat, Tammy	Souza, Joanna
DeGroat, Wilbur	Swenson, Max
Douglas, Jody	Them, Kristina
<del>Driscoll, Kayla</del>	Toll, Kimberly
Everix, Perry	Underwood, Judith
Folkman, Earl	Welch, Ed II
Fowler, Carley	Welch, Violet
Foy, Zoe	Winter, Barbara
Galen, Shawn	
Genz, Jane	
Gerber, Justin	
Gramentz, Kevin	
Gramentz, Luke	

When you move, kindly include us on your list of those to be notified.

## WELCOME TO KID'S KORNER!

Cecilia Besaw

Each newsletter look for Kid's Korner to get involved and learn the history of the Brothertown Indians!

### Word Search Puzzle

Praying Indians was a term used to describe those Indians who became Christians and gave up their heathen ways. The converted Indians were settled in special towns so they would be away from the "bad" influence of the Indians who wouldn't convert to Christianity. New England Indians were taught by Rev. Wheelock to minister these towns. David and Jacob Fowler, Samson Occom and Joseph Johnson were some of those taught at Wheelock's school. It was Indians from seven of these towns that emigrated to New York and founded the Brothertown Settlement on Oneida lands.

Find the names of the seven Praying Towns in the following word search.

CHARLESTOWN  
FARMINGTON  
GROTON  
MOHEGAN  
MONTAUK  
NIANTIC  
STONINGTON

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G C M X R C X O V I I J R N H
E P X D G T N E Q K N V A B B
N O T G N I N O T S C G S V O
N Q E L E J I B Q H E F H K W
E O T L J B M Q A H C H T U A
G O T D O A R R O X J K B A J
M R U G B G L M I C W X G T P
R O O L N E N I A N T I C N C
K F E T S I B L N E N U I O K
Y I U T O B M D L O Q Y U M L
L Q O N Y N I R B J M Q L L Q
J W D Z L R Z K A O O I S U T
N F X U A R B J P F H D F W K
P B G W Q U N S J D F Q P H I
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## **BROTHERTOWN CIRCLE**

### Youth Essay Contest

Put your writing skills to the test! The Brothertown Circle is currently accepting entrants for our Youth Essay Contest. The theme for this essay is "*What being a Brothertown Indian means to me*". Your essay must be between 25 – 250 words in length. This is an excellent opportunity to show what you know about the Brothertown Community!

The contest will be separated into three categories:

8 years and under.....Prize of \$25  
9 to 12 years old..... Prize of \$25  
13 to 18 years old.....Prize of \$50

Each winner will receive a Certificate signed by the  
Circle!

To be eligible your entry must be received by October 1,  
2002.

Your entry must also include your name, age and address.  
Please send your entries to:

Brothertown Nation, Inc.  
P. O. Box 261  
Fond du Lac, WI 54936 – 0261  
Attn: Caroline Andler

Winners will be announced during the Homecoming in the Lakeside Pavilion  
(Fond du Lac, WI) on October 19, 2002.

**GOOD LUCK!**



## BROTHERTOWN HOMECOMING

October 19, 2002  
10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

- Where:** Lakeside Park Pavillion, Lakeside Park, Fond du Lac, WI  
(located at the North end of Main Street)
- Registration:** 10:00 AM, starting
- Cost:** \$1.00 per person, \$5.00 for family of 5 or more (immediate family only)
- Bring:** **Dish to Pass**, Suggestions: Native American dish, cole slaw, hot or cold potato salad, raw vegetable plate, fruit salad, baked beans, pies, cakes, desserts, meat or your favorite pot-luck dish. (If you have time, please bring food cut or sliced and ready to serve—thanks.)

**Please bring eating utensils, plates, cups, soda (no beer or alcohol, please), or a sandwich, if you'd like.**

**Coffee and milk will be provided.**

**Halloween Parade** Children under age 13 can bring a Halloween costume; a parade will be held.

**Elephant Bingo** We invite everyone in attendance to bring a used or new gift (serious or foolish), wrapped in newspaper and marked with boy, girl, man or woman. These will be the prizes for Bingo.

**A short afternoon meeting will be held** (informational).  
No council meeting on this day.

***Detach and return by October 16, 2002.***

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Children (& ages) \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Dish I will bring \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of children for Halloween parade \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to:** Barb Roloff  
W3354 Walnut Rd.  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

**Make checks payable to:**  
Brothertown Indians of Wis.



# *SAMSON OCCUM and the Christian Indians of New England*

by W. DeLoss Love

Originally Published by Pilgrim Press, 1899  
Published by First Syracuse University Press, 2000 Edition

This classic is an account of the Brothertown history and genealogy from 1620 New England to the 1800's settlement of the Brothertown people in Wisconsin. The religion, social, political, and economic struggles faced by our ancestors throughout the centuries must not be forgotten.

As we move toward recognition we must be aware of our history and the book includes a genealogy of the root families of Brothertown.

This book is being offered by mail as a fundraiser for the Nation and is coordinated by the Craft Committee.

**Softcover edition: \$15.00**  
**Plus \$3.00 per copy, shipping and handling**

AVAILABLE FROM: **Jane Wisnefske**  
**N9747 Brandy Creek Road**  
**Clintonville, WI 54929**

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## ORDER FORM

I am ordering \_\_\_\_\_ copy(s) of *Samson Occum* x \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
plus \$3.00 per copy shipping and handling = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check or money order payable to Brothertown Nation, Inc.)

SHIP TO:

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR:

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

In the event we have questions about your order.

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*The Brothertown Indian's Quarterly Report*

**DECEMBER 2002**

*Editorial Board: Gerald Johnson, Jane Wisnefske*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### December

Nothing scheduled.

### January

18; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office

### February

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m.

15; General meeting, 1:30 p.m. [Election of Nominating Committee]

## **2003**

### March

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m.

15; General meeting, 1:30 p.m. [Council nominations]

### April

15; Council meeting, 10 a.m.

26; Brat Fry, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at PDQ, 400 Van Dyne Road in North Fond du Lac

### May

17; Council meeting, 10 a.m.

17; General meeting, 1:30 p.m. [Council election]

### June

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

### July

19; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office

### August

16; Council meeting, 10 a.m., Gresham American Legion Hall, Main St., Gresham

17; General meeting, 1:30 p.m., Gresham American Legion Hall

### September

20; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office

### October

17; Council meeting, office

18; Homecoming, Lakeside Park, Fond du Lac

### November

22; Council meeting, 10 a.m., office

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

## **INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES for MEMBERS**

The advances we have made in our pursuit of recognition now calls for all of us, the membership, to increase our commitment to the Brothertown Nation.

Next Spring will be held our annual election of the Tribal Council. Those Council positions up for election are the Chairperson, currently held by June Ezold; Secretary, currently retained by Dawn Krintz; and two Council seats presently served by Doug Foy and Jane Wisnefske. Prior to the election, however, the energies of three tribal members to serve as an Election Committee member are urgently required. To be eligible to serve on the Committee, you must be an enrolled member and at least 18 years of age. Your task is to contact and recruit qualified tribal members to run for the Tribal Council. Current Council members and the Tribal Planner will provide any assistance you require.

Other Tribal ventures also require a greater involvement from you:

- On page 9 of this newsletter, the Craft committee chairperson asks for your help.

- On page 5 of this issue the workings of our current grant is explained. Right now we need senior tribal members, to send back a letter of interest (see page 8) demonstrating their potential interest in living in the facility - this is NOT a commitment to live in the unit. By next Spring we will need members with legal, financial, business development, and other professional skills to assist us with their expertise as we pursue economic development.
- We need each member to complete and send in the information requested on page 15 of this newsletter.
- There is a need for expertise to catalogue, index, and preserve our historical documents so all members can have access to the foundation our ancestors established.
- We are in need of fundraising expertise.
- The story of the Brothertown must be spread beyond just us. We need members willing to speak to groups of adults and children.
- Involvement with Native American organizations is needed. For example, to become involved with the Intertribal Community Center located in Menasha, WI contact Sandy Pawlacyk (920) 722-4305, [sandytomp@aol.com](mailto:sandytomp@aol.com) or the Community Center (920) 731-6601 extension 212. Currently the Brothertown, Oneida, Menominee, Potawatomi, and Chippewa Nations are involved.
- We need a new Webmaster.

All these efforts require the best from each of us. The struggle for recognition will not be easy and may not succeed if YOU do not step up and help in the effort!

#### ***VOLUNTEER "THANK YOU!"***

The Tribe appreciates the dedication and commitment from the following cadre of volunteers who have donated their time and effort in the past quarter:

Angela Driscoll	Shirley Seresse
Elizabeth Snyder	Laurie Wentz
Deb Wentz	Jean Wentz

Sandy Pawlacyk	Dale Bunker
Martha Stephenson	Jim Ottery
Shirley Maltby	Ray Driscoll
Nancy Lambert	Katie Klemp
Dan Kraintz	Linda Shady
Lucille Baldwin	Cindy Seresse
Mary Jane Bessert	Paul Stache
Mabel Pownell	Mark Baldwin
Darren Kroenke	Dusti Schiebe
Mark Schreiner	Lloyd Webster
Adam Parzy	Delton Seresse
Jan & Russell Welch	Mike & Rose Pelky
Mary Huberty	Cheri Welch
Barb Roloff & family	Jerry Bunker
Jessica Kramer Ryan	Rose Kramer
Joan & Frank Waldvogel	
Carol & Leonard Youngren	
Caroline & Bob Andler	
Irv & Arlyle Turnblom	

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[When emailing, kindly note 'Brothertown' in the subject/memo box]

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## CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER

*June Ezold- Magisi Manitou Equay*

Happy and Blessed holidays to each and everyone!!

Please try to read all the articles in the quarterly report presented by the persons in charge so you get to see the picture of your tribe and what is being done.

You are being requested to sign and return the form included, in regard to the affordable housing project undertaken by you Council, guided by Mark Baldwin who worked up the grant that was awarded to our tribe for that project. It is very important for you to return your response. We need your support.

Any assistance you might be able to give the Tribe in regard to receiving support for the affordable housing project, from leaders in our area such as Senators, Representatives, Assemblyman or city councilman, especially in the Fox River Valley would be most appreciated.

If you know of anyone able to provide any services to our residents of the housing project such as meal services (excluding Meals on Wheels), laundry services, beauty/barber services, housekeeping services of exercise/stretching class or other services, probably on the bi-monthly or monthly

schedule, would help in receiving support in our project also. We tentatively will be providing crafts classes, and cultural and history classes to the residents. Any ideas you might have would be greatly appreciated. Let us hear from you by **January 15th**. Either Alan or myself would appreciate some response.

We are getting a great deal of assistance from the representative of Sunstarr, Scott Stevlingson and Richard Freund the Owner of the Real Estate Group. They fully understand our situation. Richard Freund has been a friend to us since 1982 and has helped us in a great many ways. We rented our first office from him at that time.

If you attended the Homecoming this past fall you heard my announcement that I will not be running for re-election. As much as I hated to make that announcement, I feel it is time for new ideas and younger people to get involved. I think new leadership is a good thing. I also think I did a good job but somebody will do it even better. I did not accomplish what we did by myself. A great deal of people were involved with a lot of blood, sweat and tears, and I hope the Tribe will continue to grow. This takes a lot of cooperation, patience, a great deal of time and a lot of prioritizing as to what has to get done. I feel confident that this will continue. My plans after leaving office are to continue as administrator for the affordable housing grant and become more involved with our Elders' committee.

I understand the Walkathon will continue, there will be a picnic, a homecoming and appearances at other gatherings that we have been invited to participate in.

Remember, election of nominating committee in February, nominations from the floor in March for offices, and election in May. This all happens the 3rd week of the months we meet.

Happy Holidays, keep in touch and hope to see you in the future.

# ***SAMSON OCCUM and the Christian Indians of New England***

**by W. DeLoss Love**

Originally Published by Pilgrim Press, 1899  
Published by First Syracuse University Press, 2000 Edition

This classic is an account of the Brothertown history and genealogy from 1620 New England to the 1800's settlement of the Brothertown people in Wisconsin. The religion, social, political, and economic struggles faced by our ancestors throughout the centuries must not be forgotten.

As we move toward recognition we must be aware of our history and the book includes a genealogy of the root families of Brothertown.

This book is being offered by mail as a fundraiser for the Nation and is coordinated by the Craft Committee.

**Softcover edition: \$15.00  
Plus \$3.00 per copy, shipping and handling**

AVAILABLE FROM: **Jane Wisnefske  
N9747 Brandy Creek Road  
Clintonville, WI 54929**

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## ORDER FORM

I am ordering \_\_\_\_\_ copy(s) of *Samson Occum* x \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
plus \$3.00 per copy shipping and handling = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Tax-deductible check or money order payable to Brothertown Nation, Inc.)

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**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

In the event we have questions about your order.

**TRIBE RECEIVES GRANT FOR  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mark Baldwin  
ANA Grant & Affordable Housing Consultant

The Brothertown Indian Tribe's nonprofit corporation, the Brothertown Nation, Inc., (BNI) has been awarded a three-year \$285,896 grant to implement a Brothertown Indian Housing & Job Training Project from the Administration for Native Americans. The goals of the project are to create a community development corporation that will serve as a mechanism for social and economic development, establish an affordable housing program for tribal members that will generate revenue for the tribe, and provide property management job training to tribal members.

So what does this mean for the Brothertown tribe and its members? First, a new nonprofit community development corporation (CDC) will be legally established with a mission to pursue social and economic development for the tribe. This CDC will serve a seven-county region adjacent to Fond du Lac and members of its board will include Brothertown tribal members, non-Brothertown community leaders and residents who reside in the CDC's service area. The CDC's service area consists of the counties of Fond du Lac, Calumet, Dodge, Green, Sheboygan, Washington, and Winnebago.

A minimum of ten people will be recruited to serve on the CDC board of directors. These board members will form committees to develop strategies to assist with small business development, fundraising and community resources, job training and employment, affordable housing, and community facility development. As part of this effort the Tribal Planner will conduct a needs assessment in each county of the CDC's service area to assist the board in determining the most appropriate community development strategies. The tribe needs volunteers who would be interested in serving on the CDC's board of directors. If you

are interested in serving in this capacity, contact June Ezold, ANA Grant Administrator at (715) 542-3913 or e-mail her at [jezold@nnex.net](mailto:jezold@nnex.net).

The second major component of the ANA grant is to establish an affordable housing program for Brothertown tribal members. The initial focus of this effort will be the development of a 24-36-unit apartment complex for Brothertown seniors 55 years of age or older in Fond du Lac. To do this the Brothertown Nation, Inc. is entering into a partnership with SunStarr Real Estate Group, a highly respected and experienced developer of affordable housing headquartered in Fond du Lac. The tribe is currently focused on securing letters of interest from ANY Brothertown tribal member who may be interested in residing at this senior housing complex once it is complete (Fall 2004/Spring 2005) regardless of where they currently reside. In order to qualify you must be 55 years of age or older (in 2004/2005) and your income must be under \$25,000 year for a single person, or \$27,000 for a couple. If any tribal member is interested in residing at this complex you should contact the BNI's Community Development Office in Fond du Lac **immediately** so we can document your interest. These letters of interest will be included in applications for federal tax credits and other funding sources to demonstrate a pre-existing market for the development. Call Alan Skubal Tribal Planner at (920) 929-9964 to express your interest in residing at the tribe's first affordable housing development. Letters must be received before January 15, 2003. **[A letter of interest (this does NOT mean you must live in the unit) for you to complete and mail to the office is included at page 8 of this newsletter.]**

Once a senior housing complex is developed, other types of housing programs will be investigated including the development of an assisted living facility and a program for first-time homebuyers.

The third major component of the ANA grant is to provide property management training and employment referrals to six Brothertown tribal members. Project volunteers will develop a training curriculum. This will enable six members to participate in a 90-day training session that will qualify them to take an exam to become certified property managers. Three training slots are tentatively scheduled for Summer 2004 and three for Summer 2005. Any Brothertown tribal member 18 years old or older, who is a high school graduate and computer literate, will be eligible to receive this training. A database of property management employment opportunities will be developed and maintained in the Brothertown Community Development Office in Fond du Lac to provide employment referrals to graduates of the tribe's property management training program. Volunteers to help with curriculum development, teaching, and data entry are needed. Individuals interested in participating in the property management training program and volunteering to assist with the training should contact Mark Baldwin at (415) 923-9430 or at [sachem13@pacbell.net](mailto:sachem13@pacbell.net). In addition, during the construction phase of the senior housing complex, grant staff will work with our development partners to provide construction trade training and employment for one tribal member.

This ANA grant, like all others, needs to be supported by a significant amount of in-kind contributions from tribal members and volunteers. You can become a part of this project and help us set in motion social and economic development plans that will have a profound impact the tribe's direction for years to come. Please help in any way you can!

### **HERITAGE WALK**

*Joan Waldvogel*

We wish to thank those who participated in the walk by WALKING, sponsoring a walker, or just sent in money to support the Third Annual Heritage Walk on September

21<sup>st</sup>. It was an ideal day for walking with a high temperature of 80 and clear skies. There were about 50 persons actually present as volunteers, guests, and of this number 25 persons walked. All had a great time! To date we have cleared a total of \$4,505.23. The walk began at the Fireman's Park in Stockbridge and ended at the Calumet County Park ski lodge 4.5 miles away.

The amount realized in the walk is to help defray our obligation in the upkeep of the Brothertown Union Cemetery where many of our ancestors are buried who came from New York in the 1800's. We also are in desperate need of revenue to support the tribal expenses such as administration and keeping the office open. We number about 2500 members on the roll. In our effort seeking federal recognition we DO NEED everyone's support. Our council spends weeks of hours each year volunteering to surge the efforts ahead. Most hold other full time jobs. While we greatly commend their time and efforts ALL need to show support and interest. We would love to be able to pay them some remuneration for their services. It is OUR tribe.

A check was presented to representatives of the Brothertown Union Cemetery Board at our Homecoming in October.

Comparing walks of other years: July 2000 had over 180 walkers, volunteers, and guests and collected \$9,888 on a 92-degree day. July 2001 had about 80 in attendance and collected about \$2,800 on a 93-degree day. It was hoped that by choosing a cooler time of the year we would have MORE walkers.

Special thanks goes to the Sponsors of the walk, those companies who gave paid advertisement to defray costs, and the companies of who gave gift certificates or needed supplies. We ask you to please thank and patronize them.

We graciously thank:

- ✓ Lac Vieux Dessert Resort Casino of Watersmeet, MI

- ✓ Ford Service Motors of Fond du Lac
- ✓ A.C. Nielsen Company of Fond du Lac
- ✓ Herb H. Kohl Charities of Milwaukee
- ✓ International Paper of Fond du Lac
- ✓ Card Shack of Fond du Lac
- ✓ Chilton Times-Journal of Chilton, WI
- ✓ Kaytee Products Inc of Chilton, WI
- ✓ KFIZ-AM radio of Fond du Lac
- ✓ Pier 15 Steak & Seafood House of Fond du Lac
- ✓ Piggly Wiggly Supermarket of Fond du Lac
- ✓ Shirley & Harold Maltby of Brothertown
- ✓ Shirts by Dusti of Brookfield, WI
- ✓ Scott's Discount Printing of Fond du Lac
- ✓ South Ontonagon County Food Pantry of Ewen, MI
- ✓ WBAY-TV, channel 2 in Green Bay
- ✓ Lambert & Associates Construction of Mukwonago, WI
- ✓ Creative Memories by Deb & Laurie Wentz of Dousman, WI
- ✓ Jean's Crafts, Feathers to Flowers of North Prairie, WI
- ✓ Visual Communication Via World-Class Images, (210) 274-5767
- ✓ ReMax realtor, Ronald Driscoll of Sussex, WI
- ✓ Vee-co Generator & Starter, (800) 435-3923
- ✓ Flood Homes Inc. of Fond du Lac
- ✓ Schieks Camping Center of Eden, WI
- ✓ Lake Shore Septic Service of Chilton, WI
- ✓ Appleton Post-Crescent of Appleton, WI
- ✓ Culligan water of Fond du Lac
- ✓ Applebee's restaurant of Fond du Lac
- ✓ Birate Wholesale Inc. of Fond du Lac
- ✓ Marquis Drum & Bugle Corps of Fond du Lac

We thank June Ezold for bringing and setting up a Brothertown Indian historic exhibit. Thanks also goes to Mark Baldwin who spoke about wampum jewelry, Sandy Pawlacyk who directed the Four Directions ceremony, and Martha Stephenson who directed the Indian dancers. We wish to acknowledge the generosity of all who volun-

teered many hours of time to help make this event a success.

If you would be willing to volunteer as 2003 chairperson or work on the next Heritage Walk committee, please contact June Ezold.

Thank you one and all.

Heritage Walk Invocation

*Doug Foy*

"Good morning. Before we begin our third annual Brothertown Heritage Walk of 2002 let us take a moment to thank God, the Great Spirit, Chief Cornerstone, Risen Warrior for all He has blessed us as individuals, and as a community. Also, lets thank Him for bringing together today such a fine group of elders, friends, families, volunteers, and participants. I am privileged to be among you.

"We ask for direction in giving our individual and collective gifts to our community.

"For helping where we can for our community and those around us.

"For not forgetting those less fortunate and keeping our intentions true.

"For Forgiving ourselves in ways that can make a difference in our world, our nation, our towns, and families. Not being afraid to step out in areas where we may have little knowledge or desire, but yet offer our time and talents to effectively make a difference in others and perhaps our own lives.

"For keeping our focus in times of danger and uncertainty and maintaining our focus with resolve and a sense of humor that we are mortal men and women whom really are on this earth for a short time.

"For energizing us to do our work with willing hands and hearts.

"Let each of us capture a bit of heritage and culture from this day and take along the notion that we can make a difference. We give thanks and ask for safety for all those involved."

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!**



## Brothertown Senior Affordable Housing

To whom it may concern:

*I have an interest in living in a Senior Affordable Housing complex to be built in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and owned by the Brothertown Nation, Inc.*

*I understand that the building will likely open in the fall of 2004 and I will be at least 55 years old at that time.*

*I will be willing to move into the facility (check one:)*

- When it opens
- Within 6 to 12 months of it opening
- 1 year after it opens

*I understand that the apartments will be rented to residents of low and moderate incomes.*

One person would occupy the unit and my annual income is (check one):

- less than \$10,000
- between \$10,000 and \$15,000
- between \$15,000 and \$20,000
- between \$20,000 and \$25,000

OR

Two persons would occupy the unit and our annual income is (check one):

- less than \$10,000
- between \$10,000 and \$15,000
- between \$15,000 and \$20,000
- between \$20,000 and \$27,000

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printed name			telephone	
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number	street	city	state	zipcode

**RETURN NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2002 TO:**

Brothertown Nation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 261  
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0261

## **HOMECOMING**

*Barb Roloff*

On October 19, 2002 we gathered for our Homecoming at the pavilion at Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac. We had a very nice showing this year of our members and their families - all of whom again brought many wonderful dishes and desserts for our get-together.

Our craft people were doing their usual good job of selling their goods. Our Halloween parade showed off some very cute costumes on extremely cut kids! We had some lively discussion after lunch, exchanging information and ideas.

I would like to thank my cousins, Dale "Mr. Bingo" Bunker, Jerry Bunker, Russell and Jan Welch, Cheri Welch, and Mary Huberty for helping me on registration, bingo, and in the kitchen. Without them I'd STILL be there. Also a big thanks to usual group of members who helped clean up at the end - Much Appreciated!

Hope to see you all next year. If you've never come to a Homecoming yet, try it. You'll find out how much fun you can have and may learn something at the same time. I sure have!

## **REPORTS**

### Crafts - Dawn Kraitz

Another successful year behind us. I'd like to send out a special "THANK YOU" to all who helped during the year.

What I'm writing about today is...  
**I NEED YOUR HELP!**

The craft sale is our only income, so we depend greatly on our sales. But to have another successful year I need you to volunteer your time and talent. This year we profited just over \$5,000. Our profit goes towards Brothertown functions. Let's have another great year.

I'd like to get some money making ideas for the Escanaba Powwow in Michigan on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. So I'll be having workshops in Fond du Lac at the office; 439 Fond du Lac Avenue.

Mark your calendars...

- December 21st, Saturday - potluck lunch - I'll bring sandwiches and coffee, you bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- January 6<sup>th</sup> Monday; 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday; 22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday; and 30<sup>th</sup> Thursday. From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring your own beverage.

You do not need to be a craft person; just being there with your support will help us be a great success.

Thanks for your time. Please call and say YES!

Contact me, (920) 923-5183, to register, volunteer, or get additional information about any of the events Crafts participates in.

Also, Dusti Scheibe's address is 4335 N. Lilly Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005. Her telephone number is (262) 781-7335.

### Elders

The next meeting of the Elders Committee will be scheduled for January 2003. For more information contact Irene Shady at (920) 922-8132.

### Enrollment

Nine new members, all of whom had submitted applications prior to suspension of the Rolls in December 2000, have been added to the official Roll in the last quarter.

The Tribe continues to lose contact with Tribal members who move and do not pass on their change of address. If you or a Tribal member you know is moving, let us know.

When submitting changes to the Tribe regarding a new address, name, phone number, etc. please include you Tribal Roll Number.

For enrollment information contact Phyllis Mattern (920) 722-0311.

Financial

'Summary Balance Sheet: November 14, 2002':

*Assets*

Current Assets:	
Check/Savings	\$43,805.07
Other	<u>495.19</u>
TOTAL	\$44,300.26
Fixed Assets	<u>42,340.07</u>
Total Assets:	\$86,640.33

*Liabilities & Equity*

Liabilities & Equity:	
Current Liabilities:	\$ 2,950.14
Equity	<u>\$83,690.19</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$86,640.33

Sunshine

Chairperson Irene Shady continues furnishing get-well and sympathy cards to Tribal members. She can be contacted at (920) 922-8132.

**BROTHERTOWN CIRCLE**

*Debbie Pickering*

The Brothertown Circle has been meeting once a month since last January. Our mission is to learn more about what it means to be a Brothertown Indian. So far our activities have included studying the history of the seven tribes, making regalia, making baskets based on designs found on old Brothertown baskets in New York, learning some dances, taking a field trip to the Mohican-Stockbridge museum, learning to make star quilts, and sponsoring an essay contest for the children of the tribe.

Everyone is invited to join us. If the above topics don't appeal to you, come and tell us what you would like to do. Most of us did not know each other before we started

meeting last January since we live in different cities and even states. We have two more meetings scheduled this year.

On November 23, we will meet in Milwaukee at the home of Carol Heller at 10:30 am. If you would like to join us, please call her at (414) 444-0862 or email her at [hellercar@aero.net](mailto:hellercar@aero.net) We will have a short planning meeting and then discuss THE SACRED TREE (ISBN: 0-941524-58-2), pp. 7-43.

On December 14, we will meet once again at the home of Carol Heller in Milwaukee (see above) to continue discussion of the concepts in THE SACRED TREE. We will begin at 10:30 am.

At both the November and December meetings, we will be planning meetings for the coming year. Most of us will be at Martha Stephenson's in Madison on January 18 to learn about Algonquin languages. (PLEASE SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE LANGUAGE MEETING ON PAGE 12.)

On JANUARY 18, we will meet at Martha Stephenson's in Madison at 10:00 am to learn about the Algonquin languages. Please let her know by Jan. 11 if you plan to come.

The weekend of FEBRUARY 7, 8, and 9th, we will take a field trip to the powwow in Escanaba, Michigan. For information, contact Caroline Andler at (262)965-3994 or [andlerck@execpc.com](mailto:andlerck@execpc.com)

In MARCH, we will meet at Nancy Lambert's in Mukwonago, Wisconsin for the last workshop on THE SACRED TREE. (No date yet; contact Nancy or Debbie Pickering.)

We will meet APRIL 12 at Caroline Andler's in Dousman, Wisconsin to make rattles and/or fans. Plan to start at 10:30 am.

On MAY 3, we will resume the discussion of our tribe's history, focusing on

New England. (Details about time and place TBA.)

Also, we are sponsoring contests for the children (an art contest for grade schoolers; an essay contest for high schoolers). The posters and essays should be submitted by October 1, 2003. Please encourage the children in your family to enter. (SEE THE DETAILS ABOUT THESE CONTESTS ON PAGE 11)

If you have any questions about the Brothertown Circle, please call me (708) 795-1571 or send me an email [dpwriter@interaccess.com](mailto:dpwriter@interaccess.com). You may also contact Caroline Andler (her number and address are above), Nancy Lambert (262)-363-2363 [nlambert@wi.rr.com](mailto:nlambert@wi.rr.com), or Martha Stephenson [stephenm@uww.edu](mailto:stephenm@uww.edu) (608) 243-9410 for information about the Circle or any of our meetings. JOIN US!!

Brothertown Circle Youth Essay Contest

2002 Winners

*Caroline Andler*

The future of the Brothertown Nation lies with our children and these thoughtful winning entries show our Nation will be in good hands!

*"What being a Brothertown Indian means to me?"*

"What being a Brothertown Indian means to me that I'm very special because not many people are Brothertown Indians and I feel special because I'm in a Christian tribe. There aren't many Christian tribes. The Brothertown Indians are made up of seven different tribes." - Matt Proll, Byhalia, Ms., age 10

"What a Brothertown Indian means to me? Being part Indian and part Chinese makes me feel special. Being Indian feels like I can feel my ancestors and my people close to me.

"So being an Indian is what I am and nothing can ever bring me down be-

cause I know who I am!" - Amanda Youngren, Austin, TX, age 13

"Being a Brothertown Indian is knowing I have a family heritage. It's knowing that my father and grandfather were both Brothertowns and I myself am one. It is also knowing that I am in a way connected more to history than others. Like all Indians from generations ago I also have a spirit that soars and a heart that always needs to be free. The Brothertown heritage will always be with me, no matter who I become. No matter what job I take up, no matter where I live, I will always be a Brothertown and to me that's something to be happy about." - Christopher Cottrell, Green Bay, WI, age 13

"I am Treasure Fay, am 12 years old and I live in Atmore, Alabama (lower Alabama). Being a Brothertown Indian means to me that I am an individual. I am not Cherokee, Choctaw, or even Creek. It's really hard for me because living in Atmore most people think I am Creek, but I have to explain that I am a Brothertown Indian and that I am Mohegan. Another thing being a Brothertown Indians means is to be traditional and try as hard as you can to follow the old ways and original culture. Most people think that all an Indian is those people you see at the Pow Wow with feathers and bustles, but that actually is the exact opposite of what an Indian is. An Indian is a person that is not a Christian and believes in the old ways and is as Traditional as they can be. One thing that I have learned from my Dad is that you can't be half Indian or Indian in spirit only. The only thing that makes you Indian...is blood. Because I have Brothertown Indian blood in me I am proud to follow the old ways. I am lucky because I do live in an Indian community, growing up traditional and I hope someday, when I'm older, I can come to the Homecoming Celebration and share some of the things I have learned. That is my essay on what being a Brothertown Indian means to me." - Treasure Fay, Atmore, AL, age 12

"Being a Brothertown to me is more than just a heritage. It's having friends and a second family. It's keeping the memory of our ancestors fresh and alive. Not with pow wows or fancy get togethers, but with picnics and walkathons. We don't need to have a big casino to make money, we have fundraisers that not only help our tribe, but helps to get federal acknowledgment. Not that we need it, no matter what I'm an Indian.

"Being a Brothertown is to be proud. With all the efforts of the U.S. government to move us West, our ancestors stood firm and gallant as possible. Then hard times crept over them and they stood together, along with the Oneida and Stockbridge tribes. There were separated, but only for a short time, when, again, they fought to get land back that the U.S. government took away without compensation.

"To be a Brothertown is to hold your head up high and have faith in your people. Although sometimes at our little meetings we forget that to be a Brothertown also means to work hard and not just show up and make yourself heard if you disagree with a decision. Our ancestors worked together and we should too. That is what being a Brothertown Indian is all about." - Courtney Cottrell, Green Bay, WI, age 15

"What being a Brothertown Indian means to me is that we have the great honor of ancestral blood running through our veins. And this blood is part of the same blood that went through my grandmother, and her grandmother, and her grandmother. This means that I have the blood running through my veins that allows me the same expectations as my great-great-great grandfather.

"These things are not the only things that makes a Brothertown Indian. We support our tribe, which is also one of the things that make people Brothertown Indians. The support they show could lead to National recognition and more Federal grants." - Chris Adair, Olive Branch, MS, age 14

"To be a special person that a lot of people are not. It means to be a group that

works together. It means to make everything seem fun at powwows and to meet new people." - Casey Adair, Olive Branch, MS, age 9

"I sometimes wonder what it would be like to be a ten year old Brothertown Indian 200 years ago. At my age I would make arrows, plant, fish and hunt small animals. I might have a dog and would like to play games with my Indian friends. I would be strong in body and spirit and have a deep respect for our lands.

"I am proud to be a Native American and a member of the Brothertown Tribe. I feel especially honored to be a descendant of Samson Occum, founder of the tribe. Samson Occum was born in a wigwam in Connecticut in 1723. In 1734, when he was sixteen years old, he converted to Christianity. When he was twenty years old, he began his education with the Reverend Eleazar Wheelock, who was a teacher of the children of the colonists. Samson Occum took charge of a school in Connecticut in 1747 when he was twenty-four years old. He was a very successful teacher and missionary all of his life.

"Samson Occum went to England in 1765 to help raise funds for the Indian Charity School of Reverend Wheelock. While in England, Occum delivered over 400 sermons and collected much money for Indian education. Unfortunately, most of this money did not end up actually being used for Indians. When Occum returned from England, many churches wanted him to preach for them. I live in Albany, New York, and find it interesting that one of the churches he preached at was the Presbyterian meetinghouse in Albany. In early 1770's, after much urging by Samson Occum, the Christian Indian community called Brothertown was established in New York. Samson Occum died in 1792 at age sixty-nine after years of fighting for the rights of the Brothertown Indians.

"I am proud to be a member of the Brothertown tribe, a tribe that has always been determined to survive. The Pequot massacre, which killed close to 600 mem-

bers of my tribe, did not defeat us. The government taking our land did not defeat us. We are people that do not give up. We want to keep our Brothertown customs and traditions alive. It is a special honor to be a Brothertown Indian!" - Bradan Liberty, Slinglands, New York, age 10

Brothertown Circle  
Youth contests for 2003

"Remembering the past is a way in which we can affirm our identity and the value of our own life stories as we grow older. Claiming our stories - with their celebrations and crises - can bring a sense of integrity to our later years. The wisdom of older persons needs to be shared in a mentoring role with the next generations. We need to tell our own stories to younger generations so the valued wisdom will not be lost."

Richard L. Morgan "Fire in the Soul"

**POSTER CONTEST**

**AGES:**

0 - 8 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$25 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$10  
9-12 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$75 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$40 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$25

**You may use any art materials on 10 x 14 poster board. The poster should be about a Brothertown theme.**

Here are some suggestions for topics:

- ✓ You may wish to show Brothertown Indians living on the shores of Lake Winnebago, fishing, hunting or logging;
- ✓ or in Brothertown, NY wearing Native dress, some with burden baskets on their heads or selling corn brooms;
- ✓ or in New England living in wigwams, hunting deer or pounding corn.

Choose any theme that shows your Brothertown history.

On the back of the poster, write your name, age, and the title. Include a few sentences of explanation about how your picture or painting relates to our Brothertown Indian heritage.

**ESSAY CONTEST**

**AGES:**

13-17 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$125, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$50

**Interview an elder of Brothertown ancestry and write up the results of the interview in essay form. Use 12 point type and double-space. Write a minimum of two pages. Use a separate page for the title and include your name and address. Do not put your name on any page other than the title page.**

Here is how to get started:

1] After you decide whom you want to interview, write down a list of questions. What would you like to know about the person's life? Here are some suggested questions you might like to ask:

- ✓ Where were you born? Where have you lived most of your life?
- ✓ Did your parents or grandparents ever live in Stockbridge or Brothertown? If they did, when did they move away?
- ✓ Where did you go to school? Did any of your relatives or anyone you knew go to an Indian school? If so, was it a mission school or a government school? Did you like school?
- ✓ What were you doing when you were my age? What did you do for fun?
- ✓ What did you learn about the history or traditions of the Brothertown Indians from your parents or grandparents? Did your mother cook any special Native American dishes, such as corn soup?
- ✓ Did your parents or grandparents ever tell you any stories about their lives? If so, which ones were your favorites or which ones do you remember the best?
- ✓ Were you or any of your relatives in the military?
- ✓ What does being a Brothertown Indian mean to you?
- ✓ What would you like most for the Brothertown tribe?

Be sure to make up some questions of your own.

2] During the interview, do you want to write down their answers or do you prefer to use a tape recorder? Plan ahead. Let the person know ahead of time if you want to use a tape recorder.

3] After the interview is over, present the elder with a small gift to thank him or her for the time spent with you and the information he or she has shared. This could be something you have made or something you own that you would like the person to have. You could also give the person fresh fruit or flowers from your yard. You could also give tobacco. You do not need to spend money to give a gift from the heart.

4] Then, after reading over or listening to the results of the interview, write your essay. Include the elder's full name in the first paragraph. Be sure to follow the instructions given above in **bold type**.

**ALL CONTEST ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2003.**

**Send or bring entries to the office of:  
Brothertown Nation, Inc.  
493 Fond du Lac Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935  
Attention: Brothertown Circle**

**All entries become the property of the Brothertown Circle and will not be returned.**

Would you like to learn our ancestral language?  
*Martha Stephenson*

The Brothertown Indians are descendents of Algonquin speaking tribes, and I want to learn an Algonquin language. Although I haven't found instruction for one of the dialects/languages our ancestors spoke, I did find several instruction sources for Ojibwa language (another Algonquin language).

I propose that we begin learning Ojibwa using the *Introductory Ojibwe Language* tapes made by the Indian Education Department Minneapolis Public Schools and narrated by Amik (Larry Smallwood). You

do not need to purchase these tapes for the first meeting, but if we decide to use them you should.

I also propose supplementing our instruction with *American Language Reprints*, Vol. 9 "Mohegan-Pequot" which has a page with Brothertown words as well as the Pequot words of our ancestors.

I am willing to coordinate the meeting times, lessons and "assignments."

Please, come to the first meeting at my house, which will include a potluck lunch, if you are interested in doing this. Bring any language materials you have found to help us decide which path to follow.

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2003

Time: 10 a.m. - ?

Place: 1722 Heath Ave.

Madison, WI 53704

(608) 243-9410

[stephenm@uww.edu](mailto:stephenm@uww.edu)

Please RSVP by January 11, 2003

### **LAND ACQUISITION CAMPAIGN**

A reminder that January 1<sup>st</sup> is renewal time for the annual \$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 to the land acquisition fund. Kindly make your tax-deductible check out to Brothertown Nation Inc., and mail to P.O. Box 261, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0261.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Council members Gerald Johnson, (920) 361-4886 [priverdale@centurytel.net](mailto:priverdale@centurytel.net), and Jane Wisnefske, (715) 823-3478 [jane.wisnefske@thedacare.org](mailto:jane.wisnefske@thedacare.org) serve as Editorial Board members for this Newsletter.

BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION

Membership Information Update

December 2002

It has been a number of years since information on the membership has been updated. During that interim much has probably changed in your life and regrettably, contact information with many of your fellow members has been lost. Therefore, it is very important that our records be updated as we continue to step up the drive for federal recognition. This information will be utilized for Brothertown Indian Nation purposes only. **Print all information.** Please attach additional pages if needed. Return by February 1, 2003 to Brothertown Nation, Inc., 493 Fond du Lac Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI 54935, or fax (920) 921-8124, or email [brothertown@milwpc.com](mailto:brothertown@milwpc.com)

Name (last, middle, first) \_\_\_\_\_

Roll number \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Male Female Married Single Children (number) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Highest education level 8 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 18+ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Name of original ancestor \_\_\_\_\_

List your current skills you desire to utilize on behalf of the Brothertown Indian Nation

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List your current and previous involvement in Brothertown Indian Nation activities

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List the names and addresses of family members who are Brothertown members (We may not have information on them.)

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