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The Brothertown Indian Nation Quarterly Report

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Editorial Board: Gerald Johnson, Jane Wisnefske

TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The election will be held Saturday, May 17th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the North Fond du Lac Senior Center.

At the February General meeting, Dusti Shiebe, Caroline Andler, and Mabel Pownell accepted the duties of Nominating Committee members. They presented the following slate of candidates at the March General Meeting:

Chairperson

THEODORE E. STEPHENSON (TED): "I want to be elected Brothertown Chairperson. Your priorities are my priorities, namely federal recognition and a smooth leadership transfer. I will guide our team effort to get the Brothertown Community better known and more widely accepted, locally, regionally and statewide. My service includes enrollment records, restoration legislation, membership questionnaire, quarterly report, council member and the historical marker. I am a Professional Engineer and Certified Internal auditor. I am retired from state government (highway design/construction and public administration). I have proven speaking and writing skills, and I am computer literate. Lillian Dora Welch (539/1901) is my grandmother and Sarah Wiott (1842) is my ancestor."

Secretary

DAWN KRAINTZ: "I'd like to serve as your tribal secretary to do my best to contribute

toward recognition. I've been secretary for the last 2 years and have been very involved with crafts, the affordable housing project, and many other projects that I have been asked to support. I will continue to put forth the Brothertown name within the community and surrounding area. My ancestry is Potter."

Council Member

[2 will be elected]

- DARREN KROENKE:
- DOUGLAS FOY: "My ancestry traces back to Cyrus A. Welch on the 1901 roll. I have faithfully served on the Brothertown Indian Tribal Council since 2000, most recently serving on the Constitution Review Committee as spokesman. I have supported the Council in our main objective of becoming a federally recognized tribe and will continue to carry out that objective. With this experience and hard work, I feel we can meet the challenge of becoming the newest sovereign nation in Wisconsin."
- JANE WISNEFSKE: "I currently serve on the Council in my first term following a term on the Board of Commissioners. The Nation is growing in local, state, and national awareness and this is a wonderful time for the Brothertown people. I do the mailing for *Samson Occum* book mailings which enables our membership to learn of our history; serve as an editor for the newsletter; chair the new Adopt-A-Highway project; served on the 2002 Heritage Walk committee; and am an enthusiastic volunteer. My ancestors are Johnson-

Fowler with Claïressa Johnson Schneider on the 1901 roll."

- JUNE EZOLD: "I am seeking your support in helping me to represent the Tribe as a council member. Was council member 2 years; chairman 22 years; attended history, leadership workshops; education and enrollment consultant 20 years; represented our Tribe with numerous organizations; gave many talks to schools; ancestor Samson Occum."
- ROBERT FOWLER: "My name is Robert Fowler, not to be confused with my father Robert who's family goes back to David Fowler. I'm running for council member because I would like to participate in the advancement of the tribe and learn how it's government works. I work at the City of Neenah's Street Department and am married and have two children."
- THEODORE R. BAUER (TED): "I am 65 years old, married 43 years to Judith. We have 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren. I graduated from the Wautoma high school in 1955 and went to work for the Milwaukee Journal. I retired after 39 years and we are now back in Wautoma. Judy worked 30 years for Briggs & Stratton and is now also retired. Retirement leaves me with time to contribute more to the Brothertown, and that is what I would do. My ancestry is William Johnson and Charlotte Skeesuck. Thank you."

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 Brothertown Secretary, Dawn Kraitz, 188 Rose Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. Only one request per envelope will be honored.
2. The Secretary will forward the absentee ballot, utilizing the stamped self-addressed envelope, back to you.
3. Place your completed ballot into an unmarked envelope and seal it.
4. Place the sealed envelope into another enveloped addressed to the Secretary and mail.

5. THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL COMPLETED BALLOTS IS FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2003.

LAND ACQUISITION CAMPAIGN

January 1st was renewal time for the annual \$35.00 donation requested of each Brothertown adult (over age 18). For those of you who have responded promptly, "thank you". For those of you who have not yet written your check please do so as soon as possible. A primary requirement for Recognition is community involvement and your donation will help show our commitment toward that goal. This newsletter and lands purchased by the Brothertown are paid for with the proceeds from this fund. Make your **tax-deductible** check out to Brothertown Nation Inc. Mail it to P.O. Box 261, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0261.

VOLUNTEER "THANK YOU!"

We appreciate the dedication and commitment from the following cadre of volunteers who have donated their time and effort in the past quarter:

Kathy Zinkgraf	Mary Huberty
Barb Roloff	Lynn Miller
Nicole Copley	Linda Shady
Rose Pelky	Dan Kraitz
Mark Baldwin	Shaunna Miller
Dusti Shiebe	Michael Barts
Dale Bunker	Mabel Pownell
Annette Pownell	Melissa Kavonius
Carol & Lonnie Heller	Joe Divine
Caroline Andler	Jeremy Marx
Mary Broyles	Elizabeth Snyder
Arlyle & Irv Turnblom	Lucy Baldwin
Carol & Leonard Youngren	
Bernard & Irma Sampson	
Don & Marilyn Johnson	

GATHERINGS

Saturday, April 26th The Council will be holding its regularly scheduled April meeting a week later than scheduled in order to hold it in conjunction with the Annual Minnesota Meeting of the Brothertown Indian Nation. The session will be at Grace Covenant Church in Little Falls, Minnesota starting at 10 a.m. Crafts will also be available for purchase. For further information contact the office or Jeremy Marx, jmarx_1@msn.com

Saturday, April 26th The second annual Brothertown Brat Fry will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at PDQ, 400 Van Dyne Road in North Fond du Lac. Last year's event resulted in a net profit of \$800.00. Volunteers are needed. Contact Irene Shady, (920) 922-8132 or the office.

Saturday, June 14th Crafts will be for sale at the Flag Day celebration in Appleton, WI.

Wednesday, July 16th through Sunday, July 20th Crafts will be for sale at the Fond du Lac County Fair.

Saturday, July 19th The Annual picnic will be held at Calumet County Park starting at 10 a.m. Then, Sunday, July 20th the Fourth Annual Heritage Walk and Celebration will be conducted. Crafts will be available for purchase at both events. For more information contact the office.

Friday, September 5th through Sunday, September 7th Crafts will be for sale at Indian Summer Festival held at the Henry Maier Festival Park (Summerfest Grounds) in Milwaukee.

Saturday, October 4th A Brothertown sponsored sock hop and silent auction will be held at the Fond du Lac County Veterans Memorial Building (across from the Brothertown office).

Saturday, October 11th Woodville Sesquicentennial, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Crafts will

also be available for purchase. For more information contact Carol Heller, 414-444-0862, hellercar@aero.net.

Saturday, October 18th The annual Homecoming will be held at the Pavilion in Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac starting at 11 a.m. Crafts will also be available for purchase.

MEETING POLICY CHANGE

At the January 2003 Council meeting it was decided to henceforth combine regular Council meetings and General Membership meetings into a joint session instead of holding two separate meetings on the same date, as has been the case. The change will go into effect May 17, 2003 at 10 a.m. with the Council/General Meeting that will be held in the North Fond du Lac Senior Center. *This is Council Election Day. Voting runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

MEETINGS

April

The April 2003 Council meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, 10 a.m., in Little Falls, MN.

May

17; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m., [Council election] Senior Center, North Fond du Lac

June

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

July

19; Council meeting, 9 a.m., office

August

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

September

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

October

18; Council meeting, 9 a.m., office

November

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

December

Nothing scheduled.

2004

January

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

February

21; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m. [Election of Nominating Committee]

March

20; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m. [Council nominations]

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

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

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE

The response to our two previous requests for improved information on the membership has been gratifying. "Thank you" to all who have returned your 'Membership Information Update' forms. For those of you who have not heeded the request, we ask for your immediate cooperation a final time. Do NOT assume we know anything about you OR have knowledge of where your Brothertown family members reside. On page 15 is your third opportunity to fill out the 'Membership Information Update' sheet. Return it no later than May 1, 2003.

In the months ahead the information we have received will be entered into databases designed to provide the Bureau of Acknowledgment and Research optimum resources when they ultimately begin the investigative process for Recognition. Consequently, your updated material will not be readily available during this transition period and addresses, names, etc. may not be corrected as swiftly as you wish. We ask for your patience during the changeover.

To answer a couple of concerns raised by those who have already responded.

- *No, you do not need to send in another sheet if you've already done so.*
- *Requests for missing Roll numbers and genealogical questions will be considered after the new database is operational.*

- *Yes, you can send your \$35. adult member (over age 18) donation with your information.*

Further down the road we will ask you to provide more detailed information as we pursue opportunities that will be contingent on us being able to show demographic need.

YOUTH SERVICE DAY

The Elders Committee is seeking members to serve as chaperones for the initial 'Youth Service Day' coordinated by the Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County. This is a wonderful opportunity for any adult member to **represent the Brothertown Indian Nation and confirm our commitment to being a community**, a definite asset in the pursuit of Recognition.

The event is oriented to Fond du Lac area high school juniors and seniors to learn about community resources and services. The chaperones are needed to await the students' arrival at each location where a representative of the institution will greet them.

Your involvement is urgently needed. Contact Irene Shady, (920) 922-8132, or the office if you are available from 8 a.m. until noon on Friday, May 30, 2003.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

In conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Council is moving toward involvement in the state's Adopt-A-Highway program. The program is designed to keep Wisconsin's highways clean through the volunteer efforts of citizens like the Brothertown and requires participation three times during a timeframe from April 1st through November 1st.

Tentatively, a 2.6-mile section of Highway 55 extending north from our Historical Marker in Calumet County, and on our original settlement, has been designated as our area of responsibility. If you are over 11 years of age contact either Jane Wisnefske at jane.wisnefske@thedacare.org (715) 823-3478, or the office. **Participating as a family** - parents, children, siblings, relatives - **would make a positive statement for your commitment toward our becoming Recognized.**

SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

An application to secure tax-credits for the project was submitted to the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority on January 31, 2003. Official response to the application is expected this fall.

With a projected opening in the fall of 2004, the 24-unit Fond du Lac apartment complex will provide membership seniors an affordable facility for independent living. Within the facility will be a community room, private dining room for family functions, Internet service, library, and fitness equipment. Also available on-site will be a barber/beauty salon (operated by Brothertown member Dusti Schiebe), housekeeping services, meal services, laundry services, wellness monitoring, and pharmacy delivery.

CONSTITUTION

A ratification vote regarding the Brothertown Indian Nation Constitution will be conducted following completion of the new databases. A professor and his students at Marian College, located in Fond du Lac, have agreed to serve as independent tabulating agents for the vote.

CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER

June Ezold- Magisi Manitou Equay

Thanks to all the people who sent me get well cards, the Council for the basket of flowers and all the great people who sent up their prayers, Please continue to say the prayers because I still need them. Thank you.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Crafts - Dawn Krantz

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

Workshops are scheduled at the office as follows:

- April 10, 28, 6-9 p.m.
- May 6, 6-9 p.m. Rosette beading class.
- May 20, Indian loom beading class (\$7. per person cost for equipment. Inform Dawn ahead of time to ensure your equipment is on hand)
- May 31, 10 a.m. - ? (lunch will be provided) Martha Stephenson will demonstrate Peyote beading
- June 2, 10, 18, 26, 6-9 p.m.

We are currently in discussion with 2 stores, one in the West Bend area and the other in Oshkosh, to display and sell our crafts. Help is always needed for the creation of our crafts but we will need your help more than ever if our wares are sold on a daily basis.

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 is scheduled for April 19, 10 to noon, at the office. Under discussion will be a proposed bingo trip. For more information contact Irene Shady at (920) 922-8132.

Enrollment

As of December 31, 2000 the processing of new applications for membership on the Brothertown Roll was suspended. Since that time only those who submitted applications prior to December 31, 2000 have been added to the Roll. Meanwhile, the Committee will continue to accept applications but they will not be processed until the Roll is once again opened.

It is essential that you inform us immediately when you, or a family member, experience a change in name, address, or other contact information.

For enrollment and **ID card** information, contact Phyllis Mattern (920) 722-0311.

Financial

"Balance Sheet: March 14, 2003"

Assets

Current Assets:	
Check/Savings	\$42,013.10
Other	<u>495.19</u>
TOTAL	\$42,508.29
Fixed Assets	<u>42,340.07</u>
Total Assets:	\$84,848.36

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities & Equity:	
Current Liabilities:	\$ 3,116.78
Equity	<u>\$81,731.58</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$84,848.36

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 more about a variety of aspects of Brothertown history and culture, please join us at one of our informal meetings. We are open to new ideas and pursuits. Here are the dates of our meetings for the next few months.

APRIL 12 we will meet at Caroline Andler's in Dousman to make rattles and fans. You are welcome to bring children along. Please contact Caroline if have any questions or would like to attend. Her phone number is (262) 965-3994. Her email address is andlerck@execpc.com

Many Circle members will attend the annual Brothertown meeting in Little Falls, Minnesota on APRIL 26. Contact one of us if you are interested in having a Circle meeting before or after the general meeting.

We encourage everyone to attend the regular Brothertown meeting in Fond du Lac on MAY 17. It is Election Day.

MAY 24 the Circle will meet at Caroline Andler's in Dousman. We will be discussing a book we all agreed to read: NATIVE NEW YORKERS, THE LEGACY OF THE ALGONQUIN PEOPLE OF NEW YORK by Evan Pritchard. Contact Caroline or me if you have any questions.

We don't have a topic for our JUNE meeting yet. Come to an earlier meeting and help us decide.

Many of us will attend the picnic JULY 19 at Calumet Park and participate in the Walkathon JULY 20.

In addition to the meetings, we are sponsoring contests for the children (an art contest for grade school students; an essay contest for high school students). 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 elsewhere in this newsletter.)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any other member of the Circle. My phone number is (708) 795-1571. My email address is dpwriter@interaccess.com

HELP WANTED

Volunteers to assist with a Brothertown Brat Fry on April 26th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the PDQ, 400 Van Dyne Road in North Fond du Lac. The fundraiser is open to the public. Contact Irene Shady (920) 922-8132 or the office.

The Elders' Committee needs volunteers to serve as chaperones for Youth Services Day, a joint venture of the Brothertown and Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County. Chaperones are needed from 8 a.m. until noon on Friday, May 30th in the greater Fond du Lac area. Any adult can serve as a volunteer; you do not need to be an Elder. Contact the office.

Volunteers are needed to ensure that a portion of the land upon which your ancestors settled in Wisconsin is kept clean. For more information on becoming active in the Adopt-A-Highway campaign contact Jane Wisnefske jane.wisnefske@thedacare.org (715) 823-3478, or the office.

Members are encouraged to contact the office for information on a full-time construction job that will be available during the building of the Senior Affordable Housing project.

Brothertown members should contact the office if they are interested in receiving training as a Property Manager. Three members will be selected for professional training during 2004 and another three training positions will be available in 2005. Graduation from the program will establish your credentials for employment in the property management field.

Volunteers are needed to help with making crafts, the proceeds of which go to the general fund. Contact Dawn at (920) 923-5183.

ANNUAL PICNIC
Mabel Pownell

On Saturday, July 19th, the annual picnic will be held at Calumet County Park. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with a pot-luck meal to follow from 11:30 - 12:30. An information session conducted by members of the Council will be held following the meal and prior to games and craft making. The next Newsletter will provide you with a registration form and more information.

**FOURTH ANNUAL BROTHERTOWN
INDIAN HERITAGE WALK**

This year the Walkathon will be Sunday July 20, 2003, the day after the Picnic. There will be two routes, both beginning at the Calumet County Park shelter where we usually have the picnic. The longer route will be 9.5 miles and the shorter route 4.5 miles. People are encouraged to make a weekend of it and camp at Calumet County Park (phone: 920-439-1008; address: N6150 City EE; Hilbert, WI 54129).

There will be an informal campfire both Friday and Saturday evenings. Volunteers are still desperately needed, including fundraising, publicity, registration and finish line, etc. Please contact Martha Stephenson by phone at 608-243-9410 or email at stephenm@uww.edu for more information or to volunteer.

**BROTHERTOWN CIRCLE
POSTER CONTEST**

AGES:

0 - 8 1st Place \$50 2nd Place \$25 3rd Place \$10
9-12 1st Place \$75 2nd Place \$40 3rd 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.

**BROTHERTOWN CIRCLE
ESSAY CONTEST**

Caroline Andler

The Brothertown Circle is sponsoring an essay contest that requires young people from the age of 13 through 17 to interview an Elder of the Brothertown Nation.

Elders, it is an important contest and I would like to encourage each of you to take an active role in being interviewed. Preserving the past is a way to insure the future of our Nation. The Brothertown Nation has very little written history since we gave up our reservation and became citizens of the United States. That act by our Grandparents drastically changed the Brothertown people's destiny. From a small group of closely related families living on farms along Lake Winnebago to almost 3000 members living all over the United States. We are still Cousins but no longer know each other. What happened as families left Brothertown, WI?

Native American history was an oral history and the Storytellers of the tribes were revered elders. Many of the stories told as they worked or in the evenings sitting in the

wigwam were simple fables of the animals but others were more complicated, encompassing all form of Indian life, teaching the traditional knowledge and skills the youth would need to survive in the oftentimes harsh world.

Today we still need our elders to impart their wisdom to our youth. Your memories will connect our young Brothertown members with their history. Your knowledge and wisdom offer valuable perspectives for future generations.

We each have personal recollections of past events, personal memories, and vivid, imaginative accounts of the events of our lives. These memories create a springboard for the stories that will provide us a precious link to our past. If you encourage our youth to interview, write and share your stories that will bring them closer to their heritage while hopefully spawning a lifelong interest in the Nation.

For the young people interviewing an Elder member of the Nation, you not only want to preserve precious memories while documenting the details of their life but you want to have fun doing it. Be very respectful and sensitive to their feelings. Avoid any embarrassing or very personal questions.

In order to have a good interview you need to be a good listener. Have a list of questions ready.

AGES:

13-17 1st Place \$125, 2nd Place \$75, 3rd 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 per-

son'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, 2003.

Send or bring entries to:

**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.

NEWSLETTER

Council members Gerald Johnson, (920) 361-4886 piriverdale@centurytel.net, and Jane Wisnfske, (715) 823-3478 jane.wisnfske@thedacare.org, serve as Editorial Board members for this Newsletter.

Do you have an idea for inclusion in the newsletter? Send it to the office, or if you email us use Microsoft Word's software application. For 2003, deadlines are May 23rd, August 22nd, and November 21st for the June, September, and December issues respectively.

WOODVILLE SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Carol Heller

The town of Woodville has asked that the Brothertown Indian Tribe participate in their Sesquicentennial celebration Saturday, October 11, 2003. It is to take place at the Crystal Ballroom in Woodville. Festivities start in the morning and go into the evening. Our participation would be during the day. From approximately 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Woodville committee is very excited about our participation and is eager to give us the space and accommodations that we need. They ask that we set up on Friday, the 10th and they have overnight camping available. What I am looking for is participation from as many members of the tribe as possible. I will need help with set up and clean up. Most importantly I need volunteers during the day to display Indian crafts and skills. I am looking for people to weave baskets and rugs, bead jewelry and other items, wood carvers, belt makers, storytellers, tribe historians or any other Indian related skills. I hope to do cooking as well and there may be a need for dancers. If you are interested in participating please call me at 414-444-0862 or e-mail me at hellerca@aero.net. I need as many responses as soon as possible as the Woodville committee is eager to hear what we have planned.

KIDS KORNER

Ceci Besaw

Aquay,

Our ancestors all spoke a common language called Algonquin. It had many different dialects. The Pequots, Narragansett, Niantic and Montauk all spoke the same dialect, not identical but closely related, so they could converse freely. The Mahican, or Stockbridge, also spoke Algonquin but with a different dialect while the Oneidas who gave the Brothertown Indians land in New York and called them "Brothers" spoke a language called Iroquian.

When our ancestors emigrated to Oneida lands in New York and formed the Settlement of Brothertown, the young people already spoke English. They had been educated at Religious schools. Only some elders still spoke

Narragansett or Mohegan/Pequot. By the time the Brothertown Indians came to Wisconsin only a couple of elders still knew some of their old language.

Now, in order to restore our tribal identity, it's important that we reconstruct our language and learn to speak it once again.

Some Mohegan/Pequot expressions we could learn to say are:

Good-day - Bosu or wegun tah
Good evening - "Wigun dupkwa"
Good morning - "Wigwásun"
Come in the house - wigwo'mun
Good-bye - "Nahánuxag"
Hello - "Aquay"
How are you? - "Nugu táyanu?"
I'm fine - "Tayanu"
Nijia - My brother
My goodness - "Waykojomunk"
OK - "Báwisá"
Thanks - "Táhbut ne
Welcome - "Wigwomun
Count to ten:
1 - "nikwut"
2 - "nis"
3 - "ciwi"
4 - "yáw"
5 - "nipaw"
6 - "kudusk"
7 - "nizux"
8 - "ciwiask"
9 - "bazokokwang"
10 - "bayag"

Have fun using these words that your ancestors spoke.

BROTHERTOWN LANGUAGE

A group of 7 people interested in learning our traditional language met at Martha Stephenson's house in January, several more were there in spirit. We want to learn one of the Algonquin languages that our ancestor's spoke as recently as the last century. We know that there are learning materials to assist us in this endeavor, as the Mohegan, Pequot and Narragansett tribes all have current language projects. Although we have not yet seen anything beyond some word lists, we are continuing our research and feel confident that we will soon be successful. More people are always welcome to join, so anyone who's interested in this project should contact Martha Stephenson by phone at 608-243-9410 or email at stephenm@uww.edu.

***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: \$20.00
Plus \$3.00 per copy, shipping and handling

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

ORDER FORM

I am ordering _____ copy(s) of *Samson Occum* x \$20 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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In the event we have questions about your order.

FOURTH ANNUAL BROTHERTOWN INDIAN HERITAGE WALK

Sunday July 20th, 2003, Calumet County Park, Wisconsin

To accommodate people of varying abilities, there will be short (7 km) and long (15 km) routes. Please mark your choice on the front of this form.

Who Benefits?

This walkathon benefits the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin and the Brothertown Union Cemetery where many of our ancestors are buried.

Proceeds from the Heritage walk will support the Brothertown Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and its efforts to secure Federal Recognition. The tribe and its 3,000 enrolled members receive no benefits or service from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs (and only limited benefits from the State of Wisconsin). Proceeds will help support the tribe's general operations, efforts to secure a land base and protect its rights as a sovereign nation.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Brothertown Union Cemetery Association to help them maintain the cemetery grounds. Most of people buried in the cemetery are Brothertown. It is also the final resting place for Brothertowns who were veterans of the United States Civil War.

Why Should I Participate?

Help raise funds for the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin as we work to secure Federal recognition and reestablish a tribal headquarters within the boundaries of our former reservation.

Get to know fellow Brothertowns and learn about the history and heritage of the tribe.

Exercise and enjoy the scenery of the eastern shore of Lake Winnebago. Wisconsin is no longer the heaviest state in the union, and let's keep it that way!

Before the Walkathon

Commit

Call the Brothertown office at 920-929-9964 or email brothertown@milwpc.com by July 1st, stating your intention to participate in the Heritage Walk & how many people will be there supporting you.

Set Fundraising Goal

Commit yourself to raising as much money as you can. Set a goal of raising \$100, \$500 or more. The top three fundraisers will win gift certificates for Brothertown crafts and jewelry, and all walkers will be eligible for door prizes. Whatever you raise is truly appreciated and needed.

Sign Up Sponsors

Ask your family, friends, neighbors, classmates and coworkers to sponsor you. The suggested minimum pledge is \$1 per km, or \$7 for the short course and \$15 for the long course, but encourage sponsors to contribute as much as they can. Since we are 501(c)3, it is tax deductible. You can start by making your own pledge, demonstrating your commitment to help the Brothertown.

Ask your sponsors if their employer has a matching gifts program, as many companies will match their employee's charitable contributions. Remember to check with your own employer to see if they will match your donation or the money you have raised.

Collect Pledges in Advance

Ask sponsors to **pay when they pledge**. This will streamline the process and you can avoid making a second trip. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the **Brothertown Nation, Inc.** Their cancelled check is their receipt.

Rain or Shine

Even if it rains, come and sign-in between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. to turn in your contributions and sponsor form. We will proceed with the Heritage Walk unless dangerous weather forces cancellation. If this occurs, you will receive credit for completing the walkathon, and will be asked to collect and send in all outstanding pledges.

The Walkathon

Before the Walkathon

Bring your pledge form and all pre-paid pledges to the Calumet County Park registration desk from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. on Sunday July 20, 2003. The opening ceremonies will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

The Walkathon

The walk itself will start at 8:45 a.m. Walkers taking the long route will complete a loop and return to the park. Those preferring the short route will finish at the halfway point and be shuttled back to the Park.

After the Walkathon

Afterwards a lunch will be provided, and there will be a short ceremony honoring the walkers during which prizes will be awarded.

Please collect any pledges that were not pre-paid and send them to the office: Brothertown Nation, Inc., Attn: Heritage Walk, P.O. 261, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0261. Please remember to include your name and address so we know who gathered the pledges.

Please contact Martha Stephenson, the Chair of the 4th Annual Brothertown Indian Heritage Walk, if you have any questions or comments, or would like to volunteer to help us make this the best Heritage Walk yet! Phone: 608-243-9410
Email: stephenm@uww.edu

FOURTH ANNUAL BROTHERTOWN INDIAN HERITAGE WALK

Sunday July 20th, 2003, Calumet County Park, Wisconsin

Walker's Name: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____ Distance: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ - _____

Sponsors please pre-pay by check to the **Brothertown Nation, Inc.** Contributions are tax-deductible because we are 501(c)(3).

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For additional sponsor pledge forms call the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin at 920-929-9964

TOTAL PLEDGE	TOTAL PAID

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION
Membership Information Update
March 2003

This is a third request for Brothertown members to provide the tribe with basic information about themselves and contact information on their family members. *If you have already returned your information, another is NOT required.* Members listed on the Roll that we cannot contact will be moved to inactive status as we accelerate the drive for federal recognition. This information will be utilized for Brothertown Indian Nation purposes only.

Print all information. Make additional copies of this page or attach another page if needed. **Return by May 1, 2003** to Brothertown Nation, Inc., 493 Fond du Lac Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI 54935, or fax (920) 921-8124, or email brothrtown@milwpc.com

Name (last, first, middle) _____

Roll number _____ Maiden name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

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

List your current and previous involvement in Brothertown Indian Nation activities

List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of family members who are Brothertown members (We may not have information on them.) Use the other side of this page if necessary.

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The Brothertown Indian's Quarterly Report

JUNE 2003

Editorial Board: Gerald Johnson, Jane Wisnefske

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The election to select a Chairperson, Secretary, and two positions on the Council was conducted at the Council/General meeting on May 17, 2003. The results:

Chairperson:	*Theodore E. Stephenson	73
	other	5
Secretary:	*Dawn Kraintz	81
	other	1
Council:	*Douglas Foy	56
	*Jane Wisnefske	47
	Ted Bauer	29
	June Ezold	20
	Robert Fowler	10
	Darren Kroenke	6

*ELECTED

IMPORTANT HERITAGE INFORMATION

Read Caroline Andler's account of a special occasion that occurred on May 21st, and the historical background that led up to it, in "A Promise Kept" starting on page 9.

THE CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER

Theodore E. Stephenson

This quarterly report promises to be full of information about new things going on in the Brothertown Indian Community and activities coming up on this Summer's schedule of activities. We hope to see many of

you at these activities. Let's have fun this summer and let's get things done.

WHO AM I?

I am the person who received your votes and was elected last month as Chairperson of the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin. But this is a position that I wanted. Your priorities are my priorities, namely federal recognition and a smooth leadership transfer. My name is "Theodore" but you may call me "Ted". For your information, I retired from Wisconsin State government some 12 years ago where I served as a career executive in several diverse positions. Yes, that makes me almost 72 years of age.

I have been elected to the "position" of Chairperson. That "position" belongs to the Brothertown Indians and I hold that "position" for a short period of time, then someone will replace me. Thus you will find my name, address, etc. are the same as the Brothertown office. All Brothertown business shall be addressed to that office.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2003-04

For quick reference the Officers and Council members (their term expirations) are as follows: Theodore E. Stephenson, Chairperson (2006), Phyllis Mattern, Vice-Chairperson (2004), Dawn Kraintz, Secretary (2006), Craig Cottrell, Treasurer (2004) and Council Members Douglas Foy (2005), Gerald Johnson (2004), Irene Shady (2004), George Wentz (2004), Jane Wisnefske (2005).

OFFICIAL ADDRESSES

We must get all Brothertown business addressed to the office. We have updated to a

new post office box. The PO box number is the actual official address (in preparation for when we move downtown to our bigger office. (I can dream can't I?) The official addresses of the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin (and its supporting non-profit corporations) shall hereafter be: Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin (or Brothertown Indian Nation), Theodore E. Stephenson, Chairperson, 493 Fond du Lac Avenue, PO Box 2206, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-2206. Landline: 920-929-9964; Fax: 920-921-8124; E-mail: brothrtown@milwpc.com; Website: www.brothertownindians.org.

CHAIRPERSON EMERITUS

There is no question in my mind that June Ezold will always be part of the Brothertown Indians. I know from personal experience that you cannot terminate your long leadership experience abruptly. So I asked the Council, and they approved that we bestow upon June Ezold the title of Chairperson Emeritus of the Brothertown Indians. This title insures that June Ezold will be retained on the rolls of the Brothertown Indians as a leader with all rights of an officer. This title designation has been awarded June Ezold because she has honorably discharged the duties of Chairperson for the past twenty-two years after being active in tribal leadership for a decade or more.

We also plan to honor June's service by placing a plaque on the Honor Wall at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. The officers and Council members have agreed to pay the cost. But, If anyone wants to participate in the cost, please send your check to the Office, marked Honor Wall donation. There will be a formal presentation to June later.

PROMISE KEPT

Elsewhere in this issue you can read Caroline Andler's excellent report. Caroline's report is factual. The Brothertown Historic Papers are real. Since May 21, 2003 several meetings and telephone calls have been made in attempts to clarify concerns or issues. The verbal agreement sealed with a

handshake has gotten a little soft. The Oneida Nation and the Brothertown want to move forward. To raise funds requires that we write a prospectus and contact probable donors. We must know exactly where we are today and we cannot move backward. We are now trying to get a simple signed agreement in order to move forward. Read the last paragraph of Caroline's report. Yes, it is big, big and big. Working with the Oneida Nation and the papers will help our recognition. Caroline and I have put a lot of time and mileage on this project during my first three weeks in office.

RECOGNITION UPDATE

Please go back and read page 5 of the September 2002 quarterly report. We are in "ready status". The next and final category is "active status". Many of the tribes currently on active status are in stages of appeal with deadlines before the end of this 2003. We could be asked to go on active status very soon.

Once we go on active status we can submit no further materials kind. Thus we need to be certain we have all the best possible information gathered to pass the Bureau's seven criteria for federal recognition before we agree to go on active status. Read the seven criteria, also on page 5 of the September 2002 report.

We can improve our original materials. The Council is going to discuss recognition at their June meeting. Updating the materials has to become a high priority.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE

Volunteers have begun the process of entering the information mailed to the Fond du Lac office over the past several months. It is vital you supply the office with changes as they occur.

Initial priority is concentrating on the update and correction of names and

addresses. In an attempt to cut down on mailing and printing costs to adult members, only one newsletter to a household is provided even though there may be multiple members living at that address. Kindly take a moment to make sure the label affixed to this newsletter is (a) addressed to an adult member in the household, (b) the complete address is listed, (c) all information is spelled correctly, and (d) your address has received only one copy of the newsletter. Without feedback from you, we have no way of ensuring accuracy.

VOLUNTEER "THANK YOU!"

We appreciate the dedication and commitment of the following cadre of volunteers who have donated their time and effort in the past quarter:

Kathy Zinkgraf	Mary Huberty
Barb Roloff	Lynn Miller
Nicole Copley	Linda Shady
Martha Stephenson	Dan Kraitnz
Mark Baldwin	Sarah Schroeder
Dusti Shiebe	Carol Burk
Herb Shady Jr.	Mabel Pownell
Belle Stephenson	Jeremy Marx
Mary Broyles	Elizabeth Snyder
Dick Welch	Darlene Drew
Terri Shady	Taryn Mallon
Elizabeth Snyder	Mark Schreiner
Laura Pawlacyk	Sandy Pawlacyk
Adam Parzy	Kaylene Proll
Barbara Adair	Nancy Lambert
Sherry Wightman	Terry Lemke
Arlyle & Irv Turnblom	Tom Charlier
Sue & Lawrence Caird	Sandy Odekirk
Ted & Judith Bauer	Wayne Mathers
Mike & Rose Pelky	Melissa Kavonius
Caroline & Bob Andler	Chris Zinkgraf
Carol & Leonard Youngren	Justin Gray
Joan & Frank Waldvogel	Karen Burk

GATHERINGS

"Thanks" to all those who volunteered or stopped by at the brat fry held in North Fond du Lac on April 26th. The event raised over \$550.

Saturday, June 21st through Sunday, June 22nd A "Summer Gathering on Bay de Noc" (a traditional learning experience) in Escanaba, MI will be held at the U.P. State Fair Grounds. For information contact Wally (906) 428-9373 during evenings or Loren (906) 789-0505 during days. The Mouz Pamp Memorial Association sponsors the event.

Saturday, June 21st, Welch/DeGroat Reunion will be held at Old Pine Point School in Ponsford, MN. For more information contact Doug Jackson (218) 573-3522 or Pat Moran (218) 573-3920.

Wednesday, July 16th through Sunday, July 20th Crafts will be for sale at the Fond du Lac County Fair.

Saturday, July 19th The Annual picnic will be held at Calumet County Park starting at 10 a.m. Then, Sunday, July 20th the Fourth Annual Heritage Walk and Celebration will be conducted at the same location. Crafts will be available for purchase at both events. For more information contact the office.

August 8-18 A bus trip has been organized visiting historic locations on the East Coast. Vacancies still exist, for more information contact Nancy Lambert, (262) 363-2363, nlambert@wi.rr.com or Mike Pelky (920) 892-2556, smoknstump@aol.com

Friday, September 5th through Sunday, September 7th Crafts will be for sale at Indian Summer Festival held at the Henry Maier Festival Park (Summerfest Grounds) in Milwaukee.

Saturday, October 4th A sock hop and silent auction, co-sponsored by the Fond du Lac Humane Society, and us will be held at the

Fond du Lac County Veterans Memorial Building (across from the Brothertown office). Contact Mary Broyles, brentmary@centurytel.net or the office if you, or a business you know, would donate an item for the silent auction.

Saturday, October 11th Woodville Sesqui-centennial, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Crafts will also be available for purchase. For more information contact Carol Heller, 414-444-0862, hellercar@aero.net.

Saturday, October 18th The annual Homecoming will be held at the Pavilion in Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac. Crafts will also be available for purchase.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Theodore E. Stephenson, Chairperson
493 Fond du Lac Avenue
PO Box 2206
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-2206

Contact details:

Telephone: (920) 929-9964
Fax: (920) 921-8124
Email: brothrtown@milwpc.com {note: there is no 'e' in 'brothrtown'}
Website: www.brothertownindians.org
Tribal Planner: Alan M. Skubal

MEETINGS

June

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

July

19; Council meeting, To be determined

August

16; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m., Gresham WI

September

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

October

18; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m., Lakeside Park, Fond du Lac

November

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

December

Nothing scheduled.

2004

January

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

February

21; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m. [Election of Nominating Committee]

March

20; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m. [Council nominations]

April

17; Council meeting, 10 a.m., Little Falls MN

May

15; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m. [Council election]

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

MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS

January 1st was renewal time for the annual \$35.00 donation requested of each Brothertown adult (over age 18). For those of you who have responded to efforts to preserve our heritage, "thank you". For those we have not heard from, make your tax-deductible check out to Brothertown Nation Inc. and mail it to the office.

YOUTH SERVICE DAY

On Friday, May 30th, 18 Brothertown representatives served as chaperones and workers for the inaugural Youth Service Day, coordinated by the Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County (920) 926-1414.

Despite heavy rains that forced the cancellation of several outdoor activities, over 400 Fond du Lac High School students participated in projects that helped the elderly, youth and children, and people with special needs. The locations that benefited from the deeds of your representatives and the students were; Berry House (recovery from substance abuse), Free Spirit Riders (therapeutic horseback riding for diabled people), Pier Elementary School, Liberty House Assisted Living, and the Fond du Lac Humane Society

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Eight Brothertown volunteers were on hand to participate in the inaugural cleanup of a 2.6-mile section of State Highway 55 for which the Tribe has taken responsibility under the Wisconsin Adopt-A-Highway program. Unfortunately heavy rains cancelled the event. The Calumet County stretch of highway extends north from our Historical Marker to County Highway F, which will place any volunteer on our original settlement and allow them to view the same vistas enjoyed by their ancestors.

Jane Wisnefske has scheduled June 21st, following the Council's next meeting, as the make-up date for the cancelled campaign. Another session will be arranged for August with a final cleanup in late September. If you are over 11 years of age and desirous of helping, contact Jane at jane.wisnefske@thedacare.org (715) 823-3478, or the office. Participating as a family - parents, children, siblings, relatives - makes a positive statement for your commitment toward our becoming Recognized.

CHAIRPERSON EMERITUS CORNER

June Ezold

Dear Brothertown Members,

I wish to congratulate the newly elected officers and council members. Good luck

and if I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

I also want to thank all the members of the tribe and their spouses for the support and work that you have contributed to the tribe towards the number one goal of becoming federally re-recognized. Without all the input of time, talent, money and history research that was contributed in the past we could not have reached the point where we are today. Even though we have not been federally recognized yet, I know some members feel we are dragging our heels but it is a time consuming process and there are certain policies and procedures that must be followed.

You have made my journey with our tribe a very memorable and enriching experience. You will be long remembered. Thank you for this experience.

I don't know if you know it but I fell and broke my right elbow January 22 on my way to interview an organization to assist us with our affordable housing program. Mark Baldwin and myself were there. I have had two surgeries for placing plates and bolts to hold my elbow together. Now, it seems it is suggested for me to have an artificial elbow placed. Don't know if this is to happen.

Thank you for these many years.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Crafts - Dawn Kraitz

I would like to take this time to THANK all those who have helped at the craft workshops and have sent in donated items to sell.

I'd like to tell you a story . . .

A couple of women called to say they would like to come to a workshop but were not

craft oriented at all. I told them that I would have some very simple items for them to work on. They attended one of the workshops and I asked them if they would like to work on the wildlife magnetic stones. They had fun and did a wonderful job. Then they called and wanted to attend the Bead Loom class, Great!!! One had a tremendous headache (which started on the drive over, just thinking about the evening ahead), the other gal wanted to call her husband and have him bring a bottle over. We all had a good laugh and had a great time learning how to bead loom. By the end of the evening the headache was gone and there was no bottle. The women each successfully completed their beaded bracelet and now are looking forward to the next classes, June 18th and the 26th from 6 to 9 p.m. at the office. SO CRAFTY OR NOT PLEASE ATTEND.

The total sales from January 1 to May 21, 2003 is \$1,903.50. Great job everyone!

The next big event is the Fond du Lac Fair which is July 16-20th, also it is the same weekend as the Annual Picnic and the Heritage Walk, so I do need some help so if anyone is interested please call me at 920-923-5183 or e-mail me at dmkrintz@yahoo.com with the subject as crafts.

Also, Dusti Schiebe's address is 4335 N Lilly Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005. Her telephone number is (262) 781-9646.

Thank you and have a terrific summer. See you at the picnic.

Elders

The Elders' Committee is planning a bus trip to the Oneida Casino in Green Bay on Wednesday, July 23rd. The cost is \$35 per person but with each reservation you receive a \$15 voucher and \$4 toward lunch. Contact Irene Shady at (920) 922-8132 for information.

Enrollment

As of December 31, 2000 the processing of new applications for membership on the

Brothertown Roll was suspended. Since that time only those who submitted applications prior to December 31, 2000 have been added to the Roll. However, the Committee will continue to accept applications but they will not be processed until the suspension is lifted.

It is essential that you inform us immediately when you, or a family member, experience a change in name, address, or other contact information.

For enrollment and **ID card** information, contact Phyllis Mattern (920) 722-0311.

Sunshine

Chairperson Irene Shady continues furnishing get-well and sympathy cards to members. Contact her at (920) 922-8132.

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. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to join us any time. We welcome new ideas and members. We meet in various locations, mainly in Wisconsin. At this time, we have scheduled meetings only through August of 2003.

JUNE 21-22, we will attend a powwow in Escanaba, Michigan, sponsored by Wally Blanc. We will observe woodcarvers, bead-ers, and silversmiths as well as drummers. Please contact Caroline Andler if you plan to attend or if you have questions. (262) 965-3994; andlerck@execpc.com

JUNE 28, we will meet at Nancy Lambert's in Mukwonago to plan future meetings and share our experiences of the previous week-end with those who did not attend.

JULY 19-20, we will participate in the Walkathon and attend the Brothertown picnic.

AUGUST 8-18, many of us will be going on the Brothertown trip. Those who are not going may meet on their own. Contact Caroline Andler if you are interested.

AUGUST 23 we will meet to either share pictures and work on crafts OR attend a session of the shaped note singers from Madison. This is still in the planning stage, so contact me after June 28 for details.

In addition to the meetings, we are sponsoring contests for the children (an art contest for grade school students; an essay contest for high school students). The posters and essays must be submitted by OCTOBER 1, 2003. PLEASE ENCOURAGE THE CHILDREN IN YOUR FAMILY TO ENTER. (See the details about these contests elsewhere in this newsletter.)

For information about the group or any of the above meetings, please don't hesitate to contact me or any other member of the Circle. My phone number is (708) 795-1571. My email address is dpwriter@interaccess.com

FOURTH ANNUAL BROTHERTOWN INDIAN HERITAGE WALK

This year the Walkathon will be Sunday July 20, 2003, the day after the Picnic.

There will be two routes, both beginning at the Calumet County Park shelter where we usually have the picnic. The longer route will be 9.5 miles and the shorter route 4.5 miles. People are encouraged to make a weekend of it and camp at Calumet County Park (phone: 920-439-1008; address: N6150 Cly-EE; Hilbert, WI 54129).

There will be an informal campfire both Friday and Saturday evenings. Volunteers are still desperately needed, including fundraising, publicity, registration and finish line, etc. Please contact Martha Stephenson by phone at 608-243-9410 or email at stephenm@uww.edu for more information or to volunteer.

HELP WANTED

Volunteers are needed to ensure that a portion of the land upon which your ancestors settled in Wisconsin is kept clean. For more information on becoming active in the Adopt-A-Highway campaign contact Jane Wisnefske jane.wisnefske@thedacare.org (715) 823-3478, or the office. **A June 21st campaign will be conducted following the Council meeting.**

Members are encouraged to contact the office for information on a full-time construction job that will be available during the building of the Senior Affordable Housing project.

Brothertown members should contact the office if they are interested in receiving training as a Property Manager. Three members will be selected for professional training during 2004 and another three training positions will be available in 2005. Graduation from the program will establish your credentials for employment in the property management field.

Volunteers are needed to help with making crafts, the proceeds of which go to the general fund. Contact Dawn at (920) 923-5183.

EASTERN BUS TRIP

Brothertown members have coordinated a bus trip from August 8th through the 18th to visit heritage locations on the East Coast.

The current itinerary includes:

- August 10th, Brothertown, NY
- August 11th, Stockbridge, MA
- August 12th, Charlestown, RI
- August 13th, Mystic (New London, CT)
- August 15th, Montauk, RI

Four vacancies still remain so contact Nancy Lambert, nlambert@wi.rr.com (262) 363-2363, or Mike Pelky (920) 892-2556, smoknstump@aol.com for more information.

BROTHERTOWN CIRCLE CONTESTS

POSTER

AGES:

0 - 8 1st Place \$50 2nd Place \$25 3rd Place \$10

9-12 1st Place \$75 2nd Place \$40 3rd Place \$25

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

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

AGES:

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

The essay contest requires young people to 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.

Entries for both contests must be received by October 1, 2003.

Send or bring entries to:

Brothertown Nation, Inc.
493 Fond du Lac Avenue
PO Box 2206
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-2206
Attention: Brothertown Circle

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

NEWSLETTER

Council members Gerald Johnson and Jane Wisnefske serve as Editorial Board members for this Newsletter.

Do you have an idea for inclusion in the newsletter? Send it to the office, or if you email us use Microsoft Word's software application. For 2003, deadlines are August 22nd, and November 21st for the September and December issues respectively.

HONOR WALL

Along with an inscription honoring Chairperson Emeritus June Ezold, the families of the following members have also submitted their names to be entered on the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian Honor Wall located in Washington D.C.

- Stanley Kindness
- Judy Otterson
- Sandy Pawlacyk

The deadline for submission of names to the Smithsonian is June 30, 2003. The tax-deductible cost for each name ranges from \$150 to \$300. Contact the office for information.

WOODVILLE SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Carol Heller

The town of Woodville has asked that the Brothertown Indians participate in their Sesquicentennial celebration Saturday, October 11, 2003, the Crystal Ballroom in Woodville, 11:30 - 5:00.

Beginning Friday evening, we will need help setting up and on Saturday we need volunteers to display Indian crafts and skills. I am looking for people to weave baskets and rugs, bead jewelry, wood carvers, belt makers, storytellers, tribe historians or any other Indian related skills. I hope to do cooking as well and there may be a need for dancers. After 5 p.m. we will need help cleaning up.

If you are interested in participating please call me at 414-444-0862 or e-mail me at hellercar@aero.net.

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Email: _____

(In the event we have questions about your order.)

CONTACT:

Jane Wisnefske
N9747 Brandy Creek Road
Clintonville, WI 54929

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shipping and handling = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

*(Make your tax-deductible check or money order payable to **Brothertown Nation, Inc.**)*

A PROMISE KEPT

Caroline K. Andler

In the summer of 1941, Ms Louise B. Griffiths stopped at a picturesque stone building covered with vines and surrounded by flowers in the small town of Brothertown, Wisconsin. The cheese factory was owned by Otto Heller and when Ms. Griffiths asked the cheesemaker how the little town came to have such an unusual name, he invited her to his home.

"My farm belonged to the first agricultural settlers in Wisconsin, Indians from New England," Mr. Heller told her as he led the way toward his home. "There go some full blooded Indians now" he pointed to several well-dressed young people driving past in a car. "They live at the foot of the hill. Not far from here you'll find the private burial ground of the Dick family who were some of the first owners of these farms. The Indian liked to keep their families together, even after death."

In the library he took a very old book from a locked case. "This book was written by the Brothertown Indians when they lived in New York" he explained.

She opened the book carefully. Its age seemed to command reverence. She exclaimed about the beautiful handwriting on pages dated as early as 1797. "It's in English! You said this was written by Indians. Listen to this!

"At a Court of the Peace Makers of Brothertown.---For a breach of the Sabbath. Both parties appear and the defendant pleads not guilty. The plaintiff produces his evidence and proves his allegations and the defendant being proved guilty is adjudged to a fine of six shillings one half to be paid to the people of Brothertown----. Signed by Peacemakers, John Johnson, John Skeesuck and David Fowler.

Mr. Heller explained "These Indians were well educated. They were just and honorable in all their dealings, both with other Indians and with the white man. They loved their farms and desired always to live peacefully. They called each other "brother" and used the same word in addressing the white man and other Indians."

Mr. Heller turned back to the cupboard and took down another book. "I'd like to tell you about one of the Brothertown Indians, his name was Samson Occum and he came from the Mohegans. He went to Wheelock's school and learned so well that he was sent to England to persuade the English to contribute money for the education of the Indians. He was a fine looking young man with an attractive personality, and he won many friends.

“When Samson returned to America, he preached and taught among his people. I think you would be interested in some of his ideas. Listen to this, he went on, “written by Occom to some of his fellow Indians during the Revolutionary War: ‘Peace never does any hurt. Peace is from the God of Peace. Therefore be at peace among yourselves and with all men, and the God of Peace dwell with you. Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. If all mankind would believe in Jesus Christ with all their hearts, there would be no more wars; they would live together as one Family, in peace.... The Lord Jesus Christ says, “Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.”

“During the war the Brothertown Indians went to live with another group of Christian Indians whose town was called Stockbridge. When the war was over, both the Brothertown and Stockbridge joined the Oneidas in New York and he read a little from a copy of the speech Joseph Johnson made to the Oneidas on January 20th, 1774.

“Our dear and well beloved Brethren it is with much pleasure that we see so many of you assembled together at this time and upon this occasion, we give you our great respects and sincere love, we look upon you at present as upon an elder Brother... Brethren in the first place we will acquaint you of the state and circumstances of our New England Brethren.... We in New England are very poor.... Brothers, we know that the English are a wise people and can see great ways, we also know that some English love to take advantage of poor, blind Indians.

“The speech goes on to say that the Brothertown Indians wish to purchase a tract of land from them where they may ‘live in peace and have things convenient.’ You see, many of the white people took the best land and forced the Indian to live on the poorest. They cheated him in the market.

“The Oneidas gave a very friendly speech in reply. In it they invited the Brothertown to come and live with them. ‘The Tuscaroras are now white-headed by reason of age and with these our brothers we have sat together in peace even from our infancy.

We hope that you will live with us in peace until we see each other white-headed.’

“But the white man also decided to move, and the experience which the Brothertown had in New England were repeated in New York. Again they made plans to move. Here on the shores of Lake Winnebago they built their third Brothertown. And here they lived peacefully and happily, farming these beautiful lands until the white man again caught up with them.

“There aren’t many Indians left these days, but there are many interesting landmarks. Some of the first houses are still standing. The cemetery contains tombstones bearing the names of many of the original Indian settlers, the Fowlers, the Dicks, the Kindnesses, the Johnsons, and many others. The white frame church in town is one that the Indians erected in place of a beautiful old log church.

“And I think it’s good to know that the Indians who are left carry on the traditions of their ancestors. They are always looking for an opportunity to practice brotherhood. Whenever there is sickness or sorrow or want in any home – white or Indian – one of our Indian neighbors is there to offer help. The Indian farmers around here certainly do their part to keep this town worthy of its name.

“I like to tell people about these Indians. I’m no preacher or politician, but I can’t help hoping that those who hear this story will want to make their towns and neighborhoods more brotherly.”ⁱ

Otto Heller died in 1952 after years of collecting anything pertaining to his neighbors, the Brothertown Indians, who he so greatly admired. His collection consisted of the Brothertown Court Book with entries beginning in 1797, signed by peacemakers John Skeesuck, John Johnson, Jr., and David Fowler! Land Grants given to the Brothertown Indians and signed by President Tyler, paid off mortgage papers, tax records, marriage certificates. The book listing whom of the Stockbridge Indians would receive which lots on the original reservation on the East Side of Lake Winnebago. One hundred and nineteen letters written to family back

home by the Brothertown soldiers fighting in the Civil War. Letters written by Sylvester Skeesuck (later Sykes), Loren M. Johnson, David Dick and others. The letters tell how other Brothertown "boys" are doing. William Fowler is dangerously ill; Henry C. Johnson died; Asa Dick died in March 1864. They tell what their thoughts are on slavery and that the boys will all vote for "Abe" when they get back home.

Mr. Heller was a photographer and took many pictures of Brothertown social gatherings during the 1930's with the Hammers, Fowlers, Dicks, Johnsons and Kindness families all represented. He took pictures of their homes and tombstones in the cemeteries, a burial even a picture of the original stone from the Brothertown gristmill, which he had, in his front yard. Logging pictures with all the Brothertown men named. He also had a very large collection of old photos, including daguerreotypes, of the Fowlers, Hezekiah, Cordelia, Jacob, James, Lorenzo, Lyman, and Authelia. Also the Niles family members, Solomon, Lydia, Nancy, Fannie, Samuel and the Dick family, Hannah, and Orlando, and the Johnsons and Harts, and Hammers. All the photos are neatly labeled with names.

Mr. Otto Heller had a daughter who moved to Wauwatosa and left the house vacant with all of the Brothertown collection sitting in a box on the porch. His daughter died and a few years later her son, Jimmy also died leaving everything he owned to a friend, Jerry Walentoski.

Fifty years later, Mr. Walentoski opened the box still sitting on the porch of the deserted house and realized he had the History of the Brothertown Indians from 1797 through the 1930's. He checked with antique dealers and Civil War buffs, and realized he had an extremely valuable collection. However, he also realized that the collection was priceless to the Brothertown Nation and wanting to keep the entire collection intact for them, he contacted Loretta Metoxin, Historian for the Oneida Nation.

On January 22nd, 1774 the great Oneida Chiefs, sitting in Council an-

nounced to the New England Indians, "Brethren, we are all glad, our great men, Lords, Warriors, and young men, yea even women, and children, rejoiced to hear, that ye were disposed to come, and settle in these parts. Brethren, perhaps it was the Lord that steared your minds this way. Maybe it is his will, and pleasure that ye should come up here, and live side of us, your Brethren.

.... now, Brethren, we receive you into our body as it were, now we may say we have one head, one heart, and one Blood, now Brethren our lives are mixed together and let us have one ruler, even God our Maker, Who dwells in heaven above, who is the father of us all. Brethren, we are sensible that the Devil is never idle, but is ever busy. And if the Evil Spirit stirs up any Nation whatsoever, or Person; against you, and causes your Blood to be spilt, we shall take it, as if it was done unto us; or as if they spilt the blood from our own bodies, and we shall be ever ready to defend you, and help you, or ever be ready to protect you according to our abilities."ⁱⁱ

On Wednesday, May 21st, 2003, Loretta Metoxin, representing the Oneida Nation and Caroline Andler, representing the Brothertown Nation met with Mr. Walentoski. The Oneida Nation offered One Million dollars, understanding the Indians would seek funds from private donors, to purchase the entire collection and to house it in the new Community Center when it opens in 2004 until such time as the Brothertown Nation has an appropriate Museum to house the collection.

AND the room was full with the spirits of Oneida and Brothertown ancestors.

ⁱ Brothertown by Louise Benckenstein Griffiths Friendship Press, Inc. New York 1941

ⁱⁱ The Letters of Eleazar Wheelock's Indians Syracuse Press

Joseph Johnson, Mohegan

Page 168 The Second Answer (Given on Saturday Towards Evening, January 22d. A.D. 1774) At Kaunoaurohaure

FOURTH ANNUAL BROTHERTOWN INDIAN HERITAGE WALK

Sunday July 20th, 2003, Calumet County Park, Wisconsin

To accommodate people of varying abilities, there will be short (7 km) and long (15 km) routes. Please mark your choice on the front of this form.

Who Benefits?

This walkathon benefits the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin and the Brothertown Union Cemetery where many of our ancestors are buried.

Proceeds from the Heritage walk will support the Brothertown Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and its efforts to secure Federal Recognition. The tribe and its 3,000 enrolled members receive no benefits or service from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs (and only limited benefits from the State of Wisconsin). Proceeds will help support the tribe's general operations, efforts to secure a land base and protect its rights as a sovereign nation.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Brothertown Union Cemetery Association to help them maintain the cemetery grounds. Most of people buried in the cemetery are Brothertown. It is also the final resting place for Brothertowns who were veterans of the United States Civil War.

Why Should I Participate?

Help raise funds for the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin as we work to secure Federal recognition and reestablish a tribal headquarters within the boundaries of our former reservation.

Get to know fellow Brothertowns and learn about the history and heritage of the tribe.

Exercise and enjoy the scenery of the Eastern Shore of Lake Winnebago. Wisconsin is no longer the heaviest state in the union, and let's keep it that way!

Before the Walkathon

Commit

Call the Brothertown office at 920-929-9964 or email brothertown@milwpc.com by July 1st, stating your intention to participate in the Heritage Walk & how many people will be there supporting you.

Set Fundraising Goal

Commit yourself to raising as much money as you can. Set a goal of raising \$100, \$500 or more. The top three fundraisers will win gift certificates for Brothertown crafts and jewelry, and all walkers will be eligible for door prizes. Whatever you raise is truly appreciated and needed.

Sign Up Sponsors

Ask your family, friends, neighbors, classmates and coworkers to sponsor you. The suggested minimum pledge is \$1 per km, or \$7 for the short course and \$15 for the long course, but encourage sponsors to contribute as much as they can. Since we are 501(c)3, it is tax deductible. You can start by making your own pledge, demonstrating your commitment to help the Brothertown.

Ask your sponsors if their employer has a matching gifts program, as many companies will match their employee's charitable contributions. Remember to check with your own employer to see if they will match your donation or the money you have raised.

Collect Pledges in Advance

Ask sponsors to **pay when they pledge**. This will streamline the process and you can avoid making a second trip. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the **Brothertown Nation, Inc.** Their cancelled check is their receipt.

Rain or Shine

Even if it rains, come and sign-in between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. to turn in your contributions and sponsor form. We will proceed with the Heritage Walk unless dangerous weather forces cancellation. If this occurs, you will receive credit for completing the walkathon, and will be asked to collect and send in all outstanding pledges.

The Walkathon

Before the Walkathon

Bring your pledge form and all pre-paid pledges to the Calumet County Park registration desk from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. on Sunday July 20, 2003. The opening ceremonies will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

The Walkathon

The walk itself will start at 8:45 a.m. Walkers taking the long route will complete a loop and return to the park. Those preferring the short route will finish at the halfway point and be shuttled back to the Park.

After the Walkathon

Afterwards a lunch will be provided, and there will be a short ceremony honoring the walkers during which prizes will be awarded.

Please collect any pledges that were not pre-paid and send them to the office: Brothertown Nation, Inc., Attn: Heritage Walk, PO 2206, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-2206. Please remember to include your name and address so we know who gathered the pledges.

Please contact Martha Stephenson, the Chair of the 4th Annual Brothertown Indian Heritage Walk, if you have any questions or comments, or would like to volunteer to help us make this the best Heritage Walk yet! Phone: 608-243-9410
Email: stephenm@uww.edu

FOURTH ANNUAL BROTHERTOWN INDIAN HERITAGE WALK

Sunday July 20th, 2003, Calumet County Park, Wisconsin

Walker's Name: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____ Distance: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Sponsors please pre-pay by check to the Brothertown Nation, Inc. Contributions are tax-deductible because we are 501(c)(3).

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For additional sponsor pledge forms call the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin at 920-929-9964

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

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(Brothertown Indian Nation)

September 2003

Editorial Board: Gerald Johnson, Jane Wisnepske

From the **EDITORIAL BOARD**

With our Recognition drive comes a greater need to clarify. As you see in the banner to this Quarterly Report, we are known by several names, all of which are publicly acknowledged.

Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin is our Recognition name. It is the name that notes our geographic and governance location since settlement in the 1830's. It is also the name under which our 1995 Federal Acknowledgement Petition was submitted.

Brothertown Nation, Inc. is our non-profit name. It is the legal entity under which we conduct business.

Brothertown Indian Nation will be our official name after Recognition has been attained.

VOLUNTEER "THANK YOU!"

We appreciate the dedication and commitment of the following cadre of volunteers who have donated their time and effort in the past quarter:

Patty Brandl
Carol Burk
Karen Burk
Nicole Copley

Mabel Pownell
Melissa Kavonius
Annette Pownell
Lloyd Webster

Justin Gray
Coral Hankwitz
Mary Huberty
Dan Kraitz
Adam Parzy
Mike & Rose Pelky
Linda Shady
Kathy Zinkgraf
Patricia Johnson
Brianna Webster
Lynn Miller

Many other volunteers are acknowledged throughout this Quarterly Report.

Gordon Webster
Caroline Andler
Nancy Lambert
Taryn Mallon
Barb Roloff
Sarah Schroeder
James Wightman
Carol Heller
Nykki Wendl
Scott Gavanda

THE CHAIRPERSONS CORNER

Theodore E. Stephenson

We have three fun events planned for October 2003. Saturday October 4th from 7 till 11 PM we are having a dance at the FDL American Legion Hall, just across the street from our office. A 50's & 60's Sock Hop and Silent Auction with admission of \$10.00 per couple. Then on Saturday October 11th from 11:30 AM till 5 PM there is the Woodville Sesquicentennial Celebration in the Town of St. John at the Crystal Ballroom. There will be craft sales and history presentations, and historical attire. Saturday October 18th the Rohloff family hosts the Historical Brothertown Homecoming beginning at 11:00 AM at the Pavilion in Lakeside Park, FDL. These events will just make this one of the best Brothertown Indian summers. Look for the details within. See you there.

COUNCIL MEETING: A Workshop on Organization

Look lively, we have a change. The location for the Saturday September 20th regular Council Meeting has been changed and so has the content. A tribal Workshop meeting will be held at the North Fond du Lac Community and Senior Center, 280 Garfield Street, North Fond du Lac, 54937 (Pride Hall with the kitchen). The meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Because we each bring a traditional Brothertown snack-to-pass, the three-hour meeting should adjourn by 2:00 PM. Every Brothertowner with past, present and future leadership skills is invited to attend and participate in the workshop. If you have not received a personal invitation, please telephone, or E-mail the Office to get on our list. The due date for attendance requests and written agenda items is Friday September 12 @ 4:00 PM. The Agenda should be received Monday September 15th. *Committees and Other Entities:* At our June 21st Workshop Meeting we discussed these seven (7) committees and seventeen (17) other entities. These projects, groups, events and actual committees at best were a loosely knit confederacy of Brothertown's dedicated to promoting and serving the tribe. How do we manage what we've accomplished? How do we expand tribal decision-making authority? We have to make progress by the end of this workshop. Current team/event leaders will provide a written task statement to be sent with the agenda. We will discuss the pro and con of each group. We will discuss grouping and compressing the groups. Perhaps we can find values within each group, which can be rated hence, prioritized.

Brothertown's self-sufficiency: The mission statement for the Brothertown Indians, Incorporated without stock and not for profit under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes was changed in October 2002. The change added self-sufficiency to our mission, namely "to further the development of low-income housing and other social and economic development. The change was necessary to get the affordable housing grant. How can we raise money? How

much money annually do we need? I have been thinking about a four-part discussion, structured like a business corporation.

The foundation: The subject is self-sufficiency. Our office rent is \$600, say \$1,000 x 12 = \$12,000 per year. Generally you need about three-times your annual office cost for overhead, or \$36,000 is a rock bottom need, with all volunteer staff. How do we get these funds annually? Perhaps the members should pay an annual assessment.

The living trust: The customs and traditions we hold dearly. We must preserve the wonderful work that has been started for our younger persons and preserve the Union Cemetery. We must promote the Brothertown's through the adopt-a-highway project.

The enterprise: We have achieved the Brothertown Crafts. We must preserve this.

The development corporation: The CDC is just beginning. We must achieve this.

REPORT ON RECOGNITION

In the summer of 2001 we retained the firm of Whiteing & Smith, Attorneys at Law, to represent us on several issues. One issue was for them to review our Petition for Federal acknowledgement as an American Indian Tribe and undertake an analysis of the additional research and information needed to update and supplement the Petition. The firm completed their analysis and reported in a 12-page document. They did a nice job of analyzing our current position on each of the recognition criteria. They also lay out what needs to be done to "successfully surmount each criterion." In their opinion the present Petition does not meet the present regulations and needs to be supplemented in several areas. They have four recommendations to gather additional information:

First to support the claim of Federal acknowledgement in 1901: (It is not necessary to review the pre-1878 time period.) Correspondence between Tribe and the Department of Interior needs to be examined to determine if the Department recognizes the Tribe's leadership/authority to designate its members. It would be useful to compare similar correspondence between the De-

partment and two other Tribes to see if the Brothertown were treated the same.

Second to improve the sparse evidence presented that the Brothertown was identified as an American Indian entity from 1901-1980: The Tribe should hire a local historical researcher to review documents for references to the Brothertown Tribe. Five document sources are provided.

Third to improve the sparse evidence presented that the Brothertown are a distinct community: The need only demonstrate that it constitutes a distinct community only at the present. The tribe should contract to have a "contemporary community study" done which would cover the past 10 years. Tribal newsletters and lists of participants are key data elements.

Fourth to improve the sparse evidence supporting leadership and political influence within the Tribe from 1901-1980: The Petition identifies some individuals who acted in leadership roles, it does not provide any documentary evidence to support those claims or demonstrate that they exerted influence or control of the Tribes membership. The document review should use the same five document sources of the *Second*.

An extra, improve any genealogy linking the Tribe's current membership to the historical Tribe. "It would be appropriate for the Tribe to demonstrate that its current membership descends from the 570 tribal members listed on the 1901 roll. If funds permit, it would be helpful to trace back to the 1795 aboriginal New York allotment roll."

The last evidence comment. (Community) "However evidence of consistent contact between tribal members can overcome a lack of community suggested by broad geographical dispersal. Those contacts may include members returning to the core community for meetings, social gatherings, political gatherings, burials etc. It also is very important to demonstrate that the contacts cross family lines and extend broadly throughout the membership."

Continuing the Petition Analysis: The Council asked the Attorneys to write a draft contract for each of the proposed studies

recommended in the Report. The Brothertown need documents that can be sent out researchers to make cost estimates for conducting the four studies. The Council also asked the Attorneys to write a draft contract to design how the Brothertown should seek federal legislation to avoid the uncertainty of being able to comply with some of the requirements of the federal acknowledgement process. This letter was mailed on August 1st and a reply is expected in mid-September.

RECOGNITION SERVICES

Guy Conrad, Advisor, was present and reported he is continuously soliciting funds from major contributors on behalf of the Brothertown. It is correct to say the Brothertown are not well known by investors, if known at all in financial circles. Linked to knowledge is the Brothertown projects duration time, namely the time investors see as needed to complete the project, which is federal recognition of the Brothertown. Guy's continuing search for contributors have found many persons interested in investing in the Brothertown (some of long/short duration, some as partners, and some with other variables). This is not a simple process. Guy is not stopping until he can make a deal and we achieve federal recognition.

MY FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE

I am proud to announce we have completed the Brothertown's move to Fond du Lac. We have new official address P.O. Box 2206, FDL. We have a new Website E-mail Office@brothertownindians.org. We now have all known Brothertown records in the office. That is how I spent my first 100 days in office.

The Brothertown must collect and preserve our recent historical facts before these records are lost. Our two principal historical documents are the Council Minutes and the Tribal Quarterly Report (newsletters). Other important documents are attendance lists, event notices, contracts, reports, books, etc.

The current tribal leaders have pledged to review personal copies the two principal documents. We want to establish these files for these records from 1990 to the present before October 2003. After this first step council members will be asked to participate. Some former officers, council members and newsletter editors may (hopefully have complete sets.) Now for your reading enjoyment I must tell you about the present organization of the Brothertown Records. I am hoping some of you will find things that belong in these files. When you do please inventory them enough to describe them and write/E-mail or telephone the Office. THANKS!

THE BROTHERTOWN RECORDS

The Brothertown have not had organized files of written records such as council minutes, quarterly reports (newsletters), contracts and grant files, resolutions (motions), policy files nor general correspondence files. The Brothertown Records in Fond du Lac have eight (8) parts.

The Membership Management System (MMS) Database: The Brothertown have purchased four licenses for MMS a very modern database. It is easy and fast to answer member record questions and get summary report data using the MMS database. There are 2,691 member records in the database. Fifty-six are 'deceased' and four have 'voluntarily resigned'. There are 870 records without addresses. Updating the member address data remains the number one priority. We have updated through the letter "g and about 200 hours of Volunteer service are needed.

The Enrollment Database: This is the enrollment data that Phyllis Mattern has on an old computer. We have purchased a new computer. We are converting Phyllis' file from Microsoft Works to a flat file in Word and then partitioned in excel. There are 2,700 records to convert/partition. About 250 hours of volunteer service are needed.

The MMS Browse Members Database: **With** the new 2003 database on Excel we can make reports and begin to update

MMS to add birth date, family and other data to create a genealogy data base. We could probably create a genealogy database in 450 hours (10-minutes per record).

Microfilm Files: The Brothertown's have a safety deposit. The box contains two copies of 18 rolls of microfilm; each labeled "Brothertown Indians, Roll No. 1-18". These microfilm records are supposed to be our membership files. Somewhere there should be a written description.

Office Cabinet Files: **This** summer we made a cursory inspection of the file cabinets in the office and found twenty-one drawers with materials not filed in an orderly manner and/or specifically identified. These materials need to be reviewed and cataloged. (Where are all those old and really old newspaper clippings?) I am hoping to find something or someone who has the organizational key to these records. Maybe in 40 hours we can review and find a logical organization for this material.

June's Paper Files: We have received and moved to FDL 2-file cabinets and 22 boxes of records from June Ezold. We have sorted this material into logical categories. The basic sorting was completed August 11, 2003. We can now use the office tables again. We now must create files and sort in date order. About 40 hours are still needed.

The Secretary's Files: Dawn Kraintz has advised us that traditionally a 2-drawer file cabinet has been used and passed on by the Brothertown elected Secretary. The minutes and tapes have been filed. Dawn's cursory inspection found the oldest minutes are the 1997 documents. She has not yet made and reported an inventory.

The Audio Recording Tapes of Meetings: **We** have a lot of tapes that are properly labeled. They are either "meeting" or "history interviews". We need to catalog the tapes. The history interviews should be played in search of content. Those tapes needed to create documents for a critical period of our history may be transcribed. We can probably catalog the tapes in 8 hours.

GATHERINGS

Saturday, October 4 A sock hop and silent auction, co-sponsored by the Fond du Lac Humane Society and us, will be held at the Fond du Lac County Veterans Memorial Building. Contact Mary Broyles, brentmary@centurytel.net or the office.

Saturday, October 11 Woodville Sesquicentennial, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Crafts will also be available for purchase. For more information contact Carol Heller, 414-444-0862, heller-car@aero.net.

Saturday, October 18, 11 a.m. The annual Homecoming will be held at the Pavilion in Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac. Crafts will also be available for purchase. A registration form is available in this Quarterly Report.

February 18-20, 2004 The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation is sponsoring an Algonquin Language Conference in Connecticut. Contact the office for information.

Members from the Northwest United States. If you would like to link together by sharing email letters, addresses, telephone numbers, or meeting other Brothertown members in your area, contact Tom Welch, 9264 S. Centennial Lane, Canby, OR 97013-8355, welchnorthwest@aol.com. It promises to be enjoyable and educational.

SOCK HOP & SILENT AUCTION

Mary Broyles

The October 4th Sock Hop and Silent Auction, co-sponsored by the Fond du Lac Humane Society and us, is getting closer and there is still a need for donated items to be auctioned off. Also, to add to the spirit of the evening, we need 4 hula-hoops, some jacks, and bazooka bubble gum. If you can help, kindly let us know by October 1st.

Tickets are on sale by contacting me, (920)787-7346 brentmary@centurytel.net, Irene Shady (920) 922-8132, or the office. Tickets will be available October 4th at the

door where you can also drop off a food donation for the Humane Society.

I hope you, and all your friends, will join us from 7 until 11 p.m. for fun and memories at the Fond du Lac County Veterans Memorial Building (across from the Brothertown office).

WOODVILLE SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Carol Heller

The town of Woodville has asked that the Brothertown Indians participate in their Sesquicentennial celebration Saturday, October 11, 2003, the Crystal Ballroom in Woodville, 11:30 - 5:00.

Beginning Friday evening, we will need help setting up and on Saturday we need volunteers to display Indian crafts and skills. I am looking for people to weave baskets and rugs, bead jewelry, wood carvers, belt makers, storytellers, tribe historians or any other Indian related skills. I hope to do cooking as well and there may be a need for dancers. After 5 p.m. we will need help cleaning up.

If you are interested in participating please call me at 414-444-0862 or e-mail me at heller-car@aero.net.

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Phyllis Mattern Vice-Chairperson ('04)
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Tribal Planner: Alan M. Skubal

Notice:

Effective immediately, our official email address is:

office@brothertownindians.org

Also, Brothertown Crafts official email is:
crafts@brothertownindians.org

Kindly change your email address books.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

September

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

October

18; Council meeting, 9 a.m., office

November

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

December

Nothing scheduled.

2004

January

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

February

21; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m. [Election of Nominating Committee]

March

20; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m. [Council nominations]

April

17; Council meeting, 10 a.m., Little Falls MN

May

15; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m. [Council election]

June

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

July

17; Council meeting,

August

21; Council/General meeting, noon, Gresham WI

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Crafts - Dawn Krantz

I would like to take this time to THANK all those who have helped at the craft workshops and have sent in donated items to sell. Also a big THANK YOU for those who helped me at the Fond du Lac Fair, Picnic and the Heritage Walk, we made over \$1000 for the weekend. Job well done!

I started working full time at the railroad as a transport driver (fun), this has some conflict with scheduling work shops because my hours are 4 to midnight, with every week having a different day off, it's never the same. The only day I have available for a workshop is Monday September 22. Let's get together at the office from 6 until 9 p.m. to get our inventory back up. The last couple of months have been wonderful, so our inventory is running very low.

For those who cannot make it to a workshop, donated craft items are also welcomed. To participate in our workshops contact me at (920) 923-5183 or crafts@brothertownindians.org

NOTE: While on the Brothertown Eastern Trip, I met lots of wonderful friends and family, many who stated they would love to come to the Homecoming this year. Which means we need lots of items to give as gifts since many were received while we were visiting them. Contact Mike Pelky smoknstump@aol.com or myself if you have an interest in helping. We are looking for

gourds, antlers and some good creative ideas.

Elders

Contact Irene Shady at (920) 922-8132 for information.

Enrollment

As of December 31, 2000 the processing of **new** applications for membership on the Brothertown Roll was suspended. Since that time only those who submitted applications prior to December 31, 2000 have been added to the Roll. However, the Committee will continue to accept applications but they will not be processed until the suspension is lifted.

It is essential that you inform us immediately when you, or a family member, experience a change in name, address, or other contact information.

For enrollment and **ID card** information, contact Phyllis Mattern (920) 722-0311.

Sunshine

Chairperson Irene Shady continues furnishing get-well and sympathy cards to members. Contact her at (920) 922-8132.

even though there may be multiple members living at that address. Kindly take a moment to make sure the label affixed to this Quarterly Report is (a) addressed to an adult member in the household, (b) the complete address is listed, (c) all information is spelled correctly, and (d) your address has received only one copy of the Quarterly Report. Without feedback from you, we have no way of ensuring accuracy.

WISCONSIN INDIAN STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

This is a need-based grant available to Wisconsin residents who are attending a Wisconsin school of higher education.

For information contact your school or the State of Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board, P.O. Box 7885, Madison, WI 53707-7885. You can also use their Website: <http://heab.state.wi.us/programs.html> and follow the links for the "Indian Student Assistance Grant".

MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS

January 1, 2004 is **renewal** time for the annual \$35.00 donation requested of each Brothertown adult over the age of 18. For those of you who have responded in the past, "thank you", your generosity continues our heritage. Make your **tax-deductible** check out to Brothertown Nation Inc. and mail it to the office.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE

Volunteers continue to enter the information mailed to the Fond du Lac office over the past several months. It is vital you supply the office with changes as they occur.

Initial priority is concentrating on the update and correction of names and addresses. In an attempt to cut down on mailing and printing costs to adult members, only one Quarterly Report to a household is provided

Complete the application and send it to the Brothertown office for verification of the member-student's enrollment in the tribe. We will then send it to the school for action and they will forward it to the WHEAB in Madison. Do not contact us on the status of your application. We do not approve the grant but only verify the student's enrollment. Check with your school or the WHEAB.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In January 2003 we submitted, along with our co-partner, an application to the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority for the securing of tax-credits to aid in the creation of our Senior Affordable Housing building. We ended up one point short of qualifying on the competitive scoring system. Consequently, we will be applying once again in January 2004.

QUARTERLY REPORT

Council members Gerald Johnson and Jane Wisnefske serve as Editorial Board members for this Quarterly Report.

Do you have an idea for inclusion in the Quarterly Report? Email it to the office using Microsoft Word's software application. The deadline for the December 2003 issue is November 21st. Deadlines for 2004 are February 26th, May 21st, August 20th, and November 19th.

WEEKEND EVENTS; JULY 19-20, 2003

Picnic
Mabel Pownell

What a wonderful time! It was great seeing all those children running around, having fun. I'd like to thank my two daughters Dawn Krainitz and Melissa Kavonius for all their help organizing the gunny sack race, the 3-legged race and the favorite of all; the WATER BALLOONS!!! These girls made sure all the kids had fun and there were lots of gifts to be passed out.

This year we did something different; we had an auction. Members of the Brothertown, and several friends, donated theme baskets to be auctioned off. I'd like to thank Doug Foy for being the auctioneer, we made \$237. Great!!!

I made a beautiful quilt with many different Indian pictures on it that we raffled off and made \$160. The lucky winner was Jim Ottery (again). Talk about luck – how many is that you've won now, Jim?

The International Year of Fresh Water

An Observation of Water was held at the picnic July 19th. Subsequent to the reading of the following Community Council proclamation, the guests were invited to partake in the nurturing artesian well and offer their thanks to the creator. A shroud depicting the Mohegan Tribal symbols was made to cover the water jug. Thanks go to Joan and

Frank Waldvogel, Caroline Andler, Debbie Pickering, and Jane Wisnefske.

RESOLUTION 030816E --- Fresh Water Preservation: In as much as, The United Nations has designated 2003 as The International Year of Fresh Water, the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin recognize our historic connection to Lake Winnebago, Wisconsin's largest inland body of water.

Whereas, The community of Brothertown Indians moved from their ancestral lands on the Eastern Coast, traveling by the Erie Canal and Great Lakes Waterways, they arrived in Wisconsin on ships at the Port of Green Bay between 1831 and 1836. They settled on the shores of Lake Winnebago, using the resources provided by the Lake Watershed Ecosystems. The waters provided fish, wild rice, and the wetland waterfowl. Using the water for transportation, the Brothertown men built the *Manchester*, a steam powered boat at Manchester Harbor. Amid the forests, they established their community to be known as Brothertown. Water powered the grist and saw mills built to sustain the community.

Whereas, *Mundu Wigo**, The Creator is good. In our Indian tradition, our ancestors used only what they needed of nature's gifts, the water, *nuppe*, and rainfall, *zu gayan*, and left a reserve for the future.

Therefore, let us pledge to use only the water, *nuppe*, that we need. We pledge to preserve and conserve the pureness of the water, *nuppe*, for ourselves, our children and for the next seven generations.

[**Mundo Wigo* - Is a centuries old Mohegan Tribal symbol that means "The Creator of Good".]

Adopt-A-Highway
Jane Wisnefske

Following the July 19th picnic festivities, a crew did the road cleanup on the 2.6-mile section of State Highway 55 in Calumet County on our original land. Participating were: Matthew Proll of Byhalia, Mississippi; Casey, Chris and Stephen Adair of Olive Branch, Mississippi; their grandparents Carol and Leonard Youngren of Bruce Crossing, Michigan; Martha Stephenson of Madison, WI; Doug Foy of Waunakee, WI and myself, from Clintonville, WI.

The project took slightly more than 1 hour. For our effort, the Brothertown Indians get good public coverage as we are giving back to the area community where our ancestors lived. All materials are furnished - you need to supply only your willingness and energy.

We are looking for a group to do a final pickup in late October or early November. For more information contact the office or me at (715) 823-3478.

Participating as a family - parents, children, siblings, relatives - makes a positive statement for your commitment toward our becoming re-Recognized.

Fourth Annual Heritage Walk
Martha Stephenson

To date, the grand total raised for the Fourth Annual Heritage Walk on July 20, 2003 is \$2,723.00.

There were several people without whose hard work and dedication before the walkathon it would have been impossible, and I cannot do or say enough to thank them. Please give these people a big thank you hug when you see them:

*Caroline Andler: She graciously offered the services of herself and her family for the food, including lunch for everyone, and water and snacks for the walkers, and innumerable door prizes. She did a superb job organizing and running this part of the event, and it really took a load off my mind to know I did not have to worry about this. Her family includes: Bob Andler; Mary Rudolph; Christine, Don & Melissa Scheid; Ted & Judy Bauer; Ceci Besaw.

*Carol Heller: She wrote fundraising letters to find corporate sponsors.

*Theodore Stephenson: He wrote fundraising fliers to find corporate sponsors.

We raised \$875 in corporate sponsorship thanks to Carol and Theodore. Our corporate sponsors were: The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, \$500; AC Nielsen Company, \$100; International Paper Company, \$50; and the Marquis Drum & Bugle Corps, \$25. The Herb Kohl donation of \$200 arrived too late to be listed in the program, but is just as deeply appreciated.

And of course, please also thank the event day volunteers for their hard work: Bob Andler, Caroline Andler, Judy Bauer, Ted Bauer, Ceci Besaw, Mike Davis, Bob Fowler, Doug Foy, Dan Krintz, Dawn Krintz, Shirley Maltby, Phyllis Mattern, Mary Rudolph, Christine Scheid, Don Scheid, Melissa Scheid, Irene Shady, Linda Shady, Jane Wisnefske and Leonard Youngren. Dawn and Dan sold Brothertown crafts at the walkathon, both were a big help, but I'd like to ask everyone to give special thanks to Dan, because I didn't put his name in the brochure. (Oops!) Shirley Maltby was terrific as our nurse; and thank you everyone for not getting sick or injured!

Every person who walked or raised money for the walk deserves a round of applause: Caroline Andler, Casey Adair, Chris Adair, Stephen Adair, Barb Bunker, Bill Bunker, Rose Davis, Darlene Drew, Diane Fowler, Jeff Fowler, Jim Fowler, John Fowler, Lorraine Fowler, Robert Fowler, Doug Foy, Mary Huberty, Albert Jake, Hanna Jake, Melissa Kavonius, Dawn Krintz, Darren Kroenke, Brian Maltby, Dana Maltby, Jenna Maltby, Laura Maltby, Ken Maltby, Shirley Maltby, Deborah Pickering, Matt Proll, Phyllis Mattern, Barb Roloff, Dan Roloff, Mary Rudolph, Irene Shady, Frank Waldvogel, Joan Waldvogel, Nykki Wendel, Jane Wisnefske and Carol Youngren. In addition, the three highest fundraisers received Brothertown Crafts coupons: Debbie Pickering, Carol Youngren and Stephen Adair.

My sincerest apologies to anyone I forgot.

**1st Annual Fox Valley
FLAG DAY POW WOW
Honoring Veterans**

Sandy Pawlacyk

Menasha Intertribal Community Center Council Member

This is how the flyer sent out by the Menasha Intertribal Community Center advertised the event. It was held on June 14, 2003, from 4 - 10 p.m. at Erb Park, 1800 N. Morrison St., Appleton, WI. The Host Drum was Wind Eagle, Co-host Drum was Five Clan, other Drums were Sacred Leader and Star Nation. The MC was Dan King,

Oneida, U.S. Army - Vietnam. Arena Director was Stan Latender, Menominee; USMC. Host Color Guard: Wisconsin Indian Veterans Assoc.: Lac du Flambeau Chapter. Head Female Dancer: Georgia Brown, Lac du Flambeau, U.S. Navy. Head Male Dancer: Albany Potts, Lac du Flambeau, U.S. Army.

The day started with the Annual Flag Day Parade which began around 2:00 p.m. and lasted until about 4. Then everyone who marched for the Intertribal Community Center was bussed back to Erb Park where the parade had started. Between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. there was a feast for the marchers and dancers. At 7:00 p.m. the Grand Entry was held. There were enough people to form a large circle around the Drummers and Dancers. The Music and dancing went on until 11: p.m. A Great Time was had by All!!!

I would like to give a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Lloyd Webster of Waupun, WI and Gordon Webster of Appleton, WI for coming through at the last minute and to Brian Kindness of Hunter Town, IN (my brother) for coming all that way to represent The Brothertown by marching in the Flag Day Parade. Veterans from every recognized Wisconsin Tribe, as well as our tribe, marched in the parade. We (the Indian Community) were very well received by the local people. The men who marched were clapped for all the way along the Parade route. My brother, Brian, said it was a wonderful experience and that it's too bad more of our Veteran members weren't able to march. This is the kind of exposure we (The Brothertown) need. This is the sort of thing that the Government or BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) is looking for. We need more members to get involved in helping the Intertribal Community Center and other Indian Tribes or Tribal activities to show that other Tribes accept us and that the general community recognizes us as an Indian Tribe.

If anyone from The Brothertown calls you to participate in an event please try to work it

into your busy schedules. It will be highly appreciated and well worth your time. You will be surprised at how much fun you will have and what a good feeling you will get from the experience. Everything we do like this will help us with recognition by the Federal Government and maybe help speed up the acceptance of our petition.

BROTHERTOWN CIRCLE

Debbie Pickering

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the history and traditions of the Brothertown Indians is invited to join us at our meetings. Most of the time we will meet the fourth Saturday of each month.

September 27--We will learn beading at Nancy Lambert's in Mukwonago. Contact Nancy (262)363-2363, nlambert@wi.rr.com if you would like to attend. Also contact Martha Stephenson if you have questions about beading or materials, (608) 243-9410, mamastep@merr.com.

October 4--Members are encouraged to attend a Brothertown sponsored sock hop in Fond du Lac. This is a fund raising event for the Brothertown Indian Nation. Contact Irene Shady or Mary Broyles if you have questions.

October 11--Members are encouraged to attend the Woodville Sesquicentennial. The Brothertown Tribe will be part of that celebration. Contact Carol Heller for information (414) 444-0862 or hellerca@aero.net.

October 18--We will attend our annual Homecoming in Fond du Lac.

November 22--Topic to be announced.

December 27--Topic to be announced.

January 24--We will learn quilling at Dave and Sandy Lambert's in Oconomowoc. For information email dlbert@execpc.com

February 28--We will have a book talk. Title and meeting place TBA.

March 27--Topic and meeting place TBA.

April 17--We will attend the Brothertown meeting in Little Falls, Minnesota.

May 22--Topic and meeting place TBA.

June--We will take a field trip to attend the powwow in Escanaba. Dates TBA.

If you have any questions about the meetings or the Circle, please call any of the people listed above or contact Caroline An-

dler, andlerck@execpc.com (262) 965-3994, or Joan Waldvogel, joandw@juno.com (262) 246-3040 or Debbie Pickering, (708)795-1571 dpwriter@comcast.net .

Poster Contest

AGES:

0 - 8 1st Place \$50 2nd Place \$25 3rd Place \$10

9-12 1st Place \$75 2nd Place \$40 3rd Place \$25

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

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 1st Place \$125, 2nd Place \$75, 3rd Place \$50

The essay contest requires young people to 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.

Entries for both contests must be received by October 1, 2003.

Send or bring entries to:

Brothertown Indians of WI
493 Fond du Lac Avenue
PO Box 2206
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-2206
Attention: Brothertown Circle

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

BROTHERTOWN EASTERN TRIP; 2003

Mike & Rose Pelky, Nancy Lambert, and Rhonda Schumacher

Edited by Devri Schumacher

Over a year ago, in an effort to find out more about their heritage, Rose and Mike Pelky and Nancy and Ron Lambert decided to organize a trip back east to reconnect with their Brothertown past. As a result of those labors, a group of Brothertown Indians from all over the United States met in Wisconsin to start a journey to their ancestral homelands to explore their shared past. This group of travelers was accompanied by spouses and friends as well as members from the Oneida nation with whom the Brothertown Indians have a long shared history. In looking for answers about their ancestors and their origins, the travelers were able to learn some of the customs and traditions that had been lost to them through the passage of time.

On August 8, 2003, 59 people, most with a shared Brothertown Indian background, gathered from ten different states, representing nine different tribes to return to the ancestral lands of their forefathers. After two days of traveling on a coach bus, the Brothertown travelers arrived in Deansboro, New York on Sunday, August 10th, where the group joined the congregation of the Deansboro Congregational United Church of Christ for Sunday services. The Brothertown were warmly welcomed by Pastor Jim Turturo and parish members, and enjoyed listening to hymns sung by The New York State Sacred Harp Singers during the service. The church choir led the group in singing specially selected hymns written by Samson Occum, one of the Brothertown's first leaders. Dennis Gramentz, of the Brothertown group, participated in the service by reading scripture.

Following the service, Janet Dangler, a local historian, guided a tour through the historic Brothertown area. A special highlight of the tour was the opportunity to visit the gravesite of Nancy Welch, an ancestor of many of the people on the trip, as well as a stop at the Dick family burial ground. The Brothertown group proceeded to the Broth-

ertown Cemetery where tobacco and flowers were placed on the graves as a sign of honor and respect. A short but deeply moving ceremony was led by June Ezold to honor the Brothertown ancestors and to dedicate the new Historical Marker recently placed at the site. At the cemetery, the travelers sang hymns that Samson Occom wrote which they had practiced on the bus just for the occasion. Unfortunately, the property where Samson Occum is buried changed ownership and arrangements could not be made with the new owner to see the Occom gravesite. However, Amy Marris, the owner of the original one room schoolhouse, since converted to a residence, where Samson Occum first lived and taught Native American children, welcomed the group into her home.

Next on the agenda was a stop at the Marshall Town Hall to review some of the records, pictures and maps that were put on display by Dorothy McConnell and the Historical Society. Phillipa "Flip" Brown was instrumental in organizing this day. At the group dinner held at the hotel that evening, the members of the tour were able to learn more about each other and their tribal connections and were able to visit with some of the local townspeople who joined the group for dinner.

On Monday, August 11th, the group stopped in Stockbridge, Massachusetts to visit the First Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ, founded in the spring of 1734. This church was one of the significant places of worship for early Indian Christians. The Reverend Bridges, the present day pastor, specially opened up the Church sanctuary for the Brothertown visit. Shirley Dunn, the author of "Mohicans and Their Lands", and "The Mohican World" gave a talk on her books. The group was also met by three people representing the Native American Institute of New York; Terry D'Amour, Steve Comer and Marge Bruchac. Terry welcomed the group and introduced Steve, a Stockbridge Indian who has lived and studied in the area for over twenty years. Steve gave a talk and led a tour of the Burial Grounds. Marge Bruchac, a member of the Missisquoi Abenaki Indi-

ans, discussed Indian Hollow, a land flooded for a reservoir, now being reclaimed. She also showed slides which included the famous medicine woman Rhoda Rhodes. Rhoda was an ancestress of many of the Brothertown tribal members on the trip. A mouth-watering lunch was provided by Brothertown member Amy Stephenson, who lives just north of Stockbridge. Amy was assisted by her sister Martha Stephenson, one of the travelers from Wisconsin. On the church grounds, a wigwam was set up to display some of the items used by the ancestors of the Brothertown in everyday life. After spending a very warm afternoon at the church hall, the group departed on a shopping excursion and enjoyed dinner in downtown Stockbridge in the pouring rain!

On Tuesday, August 12th, the group traveled from its base in New London, Connecticut to the Narragansett Reservation in Rhode Island. Paula Dove Jennings of the Narragansett Indian Tribe led a tour of the Narragansett lands including the Narragansett Indian Church constructed in 1750 and used by the first pastor of Indian blood. This church was used by the tribe for 139 years before being destroyed by fire first in 1859 and again in 1993. The church has since been rebuilt in stone using the talents of the Narragansett's who are known for their stone work. The Reverend Roland Mars warmly welcomed the group to the site, and gave a history of the church before leading the group in prayers for a safe journey. The Brothertown also visited the Narragansett Sacred Spring and partook of the healing waters. On the way to the church, there was a brief stop at a huge turtle shaped rock and as the tour continued, Paula Dove Jennings shared the story of the Turtle Rock which parallels the Biblical story of the Great Flood. Paula is the storyteller for her tribe and did a wonderful job of sharing the story in the way it has been done for generations. The tour passed the Narragansett Smoke Shop featured on the national news because of the struggle between the Narragansett Tribe and the Rhode Island government over the right of the tribe to operate a Smoke Shop.

The Brothertown were treated to a delicious dinner organized by Alberta Laughing Waters Wilcox and cooked and served by Narragansett Tribe member Pearl Brown and her assistants. The Narragansett Chief Sachem, Matthew Thomas, interrupted his "Week of Healing", in which all leaders and elders of the tribe participate, to welcome the Brothertown. The group was presented with medicine pouches and Wampum shell necklaces handcrafted by the four children of Pearl Brown. This was the first visit to the Narragansett Nation by Brothertown members since 1967. The return of the Brothertown was received with much warmth and joy because it was seen as the fulfillment of a prophecy - "The Brothertown Were Returning Home". Tall Oak, a Native American historian with ties to the Narragansett and Pequot nations, guided the Brothertown to the Great Swamp Massacre Memorial. Most of the group walked the mile and a half back into the woods to see where this terrible massacre occurred. It was a very moving and solemn sight. Tall Oak also led the Brothertown to what was the 500 acre Tom King Farm and to see the Coronation Rock also located on the farm. The Coronation Rock was used by the Narragansett to crown their royalty. The farm takes its name from its original owner, Tom Ninetret, the last crowned "King" of the Narragansett Indians. While on the Tom King farm, Tall Oak shared a song on the drum that had been sung for generations by the Brothertown ancestors.

The Brothertown visited the Foxwood Casino and Pequot Museum on Wednesday, August 13th. The group was treated to a buffet lunch at the Casino and was presented with a Sacred Pequot blanket to take home to the tribe, as well as a small flashlight for each member of the tour (which came in very handy later on the trip). The tour of the Pequot Museum barely scratched the surface of things to see. Of special interest to the group was the depiction of the Brothertown Indians leaving New York. Cynthia Griggs, a historian from Farmington, who has a keen interest in the Brothertown Tribe, met the Brothertown group at the Museum and again

later that evening at the hotel where Tall Oak, his wife, and his Pequot son-in-law Aaron, did a Smudging and Pipe Ceremony to welcome the Brothertown and keep them safe on their journey. After the ceremony, a talk was given by Cynthia Griggs about the Farmington Indians. Tall Oak held a discussion about Narragansett history and the Indian slaves who were taken to Bermuda. Thursday, August 14th, marked the beginning of the nautical portion of the Brothertown trip as the group boarded the first of three ferries that would take them and their bus across the Long Island Sound to Sag Harbor on Long Island, New York. There the group met with Chief Robert Straight Arrow Cooper and other members of the Montaukett Tribe at their meeting place in Sag Harbor which is also one of the original churches on the island. The Brothertown were warmly welcomed and Chief Robert Straight Arrow Cooper shared some of the Montaukett history as well as his vision for the future of the Montauketts. A wonderful lunch was provided by members of the tribe. After lunch, the group walked to the burial grounds near the church and then boarded the bus to travel to Montauk Point to see the LightHouse and visit the once threatened Burial Grounds located at the Point. While there the group also viewed the huge quartz rock where the Montauk Indians would build fires which would cause the quartz to glow as a beacon light for those returning home from the sea.

That same afternoon, the Brothertown traveled to the Shinnecock Reservation, also on Long Island. On the way there, traffic lights were out and stores were closing down due to the blackout that hit the East Coast, the largest blackout in United States history. The Shinnecock Tribe graciously welcomed the Brothertown into the darkened Shinnecock Cultural Center and Museum, a beautiful log building with a very impressive carved wood entry door. The Museum is so new that many artifacts were still in crates. The Shinnecock tribal artist, David Bunn Matine, had painted stunning murals on many of the walls. There was a small museum store near the entrance where

some of the Brothertown used the flashlights given to them earlier by the Pequot's to view the beautiful items for sale. The group was led to the lower level and served a generous buffet dinner of traditional tribal foods which included delicious homemade clam pies that were generously made by Josephine Smith. These were a real treat for the group, as many had never eaten clam pie before. It was a taste experience well worth repeating. Josephine was the main contact person and organizer for the Brothertown visit with the Shinnecock Tribe. The Shinnecock Tribe presented June Ezold with a Wampum necklace as an honor to the Brothertown Chairman Emeritus. Because of the uncertainty caused by the blackout, extra time had to be allowed to get to the ferry in case of a back up in traffic as well as the possibility of the ferry not leaving at all. As a result, the Brothertown were forced to leave shortly after the meal. Despite the turmoil, the Shinnecock once again displayed their generosity and sent along extra food and beverages in case the Brothertown should end up being stranded on the bus. Fortunately, the group arrived in plenty of time to board the ferry. On the crossing over the Sound lights were visible along the Connecticut coast. Happily, the hotel where the Brothertown were staying had lights and working elevators!

On Friday, August 15th, the group visited the Mohegan Tribe at Fort Shantock and the site of the Wigwam Green Corn Powwow which was due to start on Saturday. After a welcoming ceremony with representatives of the Council, lead by Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum, manager of the Council of Elders Cultural Department, the Brothertown spent a very relaxing day mingling with the Mohegan Tribe's people. Some members of the group participated in cultural classes such as basket weaving and flute making that were set up as part of their Cultural Week. The group was fortunate to have tribal Archeologist, Dr. Jeff Bendremer, available to take them to see an archeological dig in progress and to show them where the original Fort was located. Dr. Bendremer took the time to answer some questions and share informa-

tion compiled from archeological digs at Fort Shantock. The Brothertown enjoyed a potluck meal of traditional native foods served by Sharon Maynard and her very able assistants. The group later visited with Maynard's sister Faith Davison who is the Mohegan Archivist.

As an honor to the Brothertown Tribe, the Mohegan Council Members, including Chris Murtha and other representatives from the Elders Council, presented a sacred blanket to the Brothertown. Three of the Brothertown Council members, Dawn Krainitz, Phyllis Mattern and Jane Wisnefske were a part of the group and accepted the beautiful Sacred Pendleton Blanket with the emblem of the Mohegan Tribe woven into it on behalf of the tribe. Some group members took a side trip to the Tantiquidgion Museum and the Mohegan Church. Later the entire group was treated to a buffet dinner at the Mohegan Sun Casino compliments of the Elders. Jay Levy was the contact person and organizer for the Brothertown visit with the Mohegan's at Fort Shantock.

Upon returning to the hotel at the end of the day, a champagne reception was held compliments of the hotel. At the reception, the bus group took the opportunity to show their appreciation to the tour organizers with the presentation of thank you gifts.

The return journey began Saturday, August 16th via Pennsylvania where the bus stopped in Philadelphia to see the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and Christ Church where some signers of the Declaration of Independence are buried. After a whirlwind tour of Philadelphia, the Brothertown visited Carlisle, Pennsylvania which was at one time the location of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School that many native children were forced to attend. As Carlisle is now the home of the Army War College, the group was met by military guards checking ID's and luggage compartments. It was certainly a change of pace from the welcomes the group had received at the reservations. The group managed to see part of the small cemetery where the Indian students who died while attending the school are buried. The cemetery was relocated

from its original site to a site near the entrance of the military base. Due to inclement weather, the Brothertown were only able to briefly view a small part of the cemetery. Just before the skies really opened up, some group members found stone markers with names of students from tribes all over the United States, such as the Sioux, Apache, and Oneida. Ribbons of Honor, along with newspaper articles which honored those buried, were wrapped around a huge tree in the middle of the burial ground and had obviously been there for a very long time. After the group was forced to run back to the bus in the pouring rain, the bus drove past the original barracks for the school and the school building itself.

One of the Brothertown travelers, Dave Thomas, spent time with members of the tour updating family records, showing the relationships within the tribe, and even running a computer program that showed the degrees of kinship shared by members of the group. At each tribe visited, Dave talked to each tribal genealogist to garner as much information as possible to add to his database. It turned out that practically the entire bus was related to one degree or another - sometimes through more than one line. Besides the moms, dads, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and grandchildren within the group, there were many heretofore unknown cousins as well. Dave enhanced the trip for the entire group by generously sharing his knowledge of Brothertown family histories.

By the time the bus left South Bend, Indiana for the last leg of the journey, it was apparent that parting would be very difficult. To quote group member Dennis Gramentz, "It was a mountain top experience." A trip as ambitious as this one was could not have been so wholly successful had it not been for the congeniality, flexibility, and humor of those traveling. There was and still is so much to digest of all that was seen and experienced. At the end of the journey, the 59 people on the bus truly did feel like one tribe, long separated, who had found each other and much common ground again. It was a humbling, exciting, spiritual and

deeply satisfying experience. Many of those who traveled the road of rediscovery together have been changed by the experience and their lives were very much enhanced by those they were fortunate enough to travel with as well as those who they met on their journey who welcomed them with open arms as relatives returning home.

During the course of the Brothertown trip east, the group members shared stories and jokes, learned the value of queuing up quickly at restrooms during oh-so-short breaks, and even managed to play card bingo among other games as they journeyed to connect with their past. Many discovered a hidden talent for acrobatics while balancing in the bus restroom or trying to move about as the bus traveled - though some maneuvers were more spectacular than others. Through it all, the group gained a very valuable sense of kinship and cultural belonging.

The gifts given to the folks who organized and made each tribal visit significant were made possible by the generosity of the following Brothertown members: Rose and Mike Pelky, Ron and Nancy Lambert, Frank and Joan Waldvogel, David and Sandy Lambert, Carol Youngren and her grandchildren, Sally and Ernie Fohrman, Dawn Krantz, and Dusti Scheibe.

The following is a list of those folks that were intrepid enough to take the long bus ride and turn it into a fun and meaningful experience: June and Harland Anderson, Appleton, WI; LaVonne Anderson, Los Fresnos, TX; Millie Bundy, Ridge Field, WA; Betsy Carlson, Rochester, MN; Richard Church, Jackson, WI; Patricia Cornelius, DePere, WI; Gloria Dandurand, Springfield, OR; Woody Doxtator, Markesan, WI; June Ezold, Arbor Vita, WI; Ernest and Sally Fohrman, Ellijay, GA; Robert and Diane Fowler, Neenah, WI; Elva Garcia, Roma, TX; Cory Branstetter, WA; Eileen Geiger, Bruneau, ID; Ray and Neva Geweke, Wausau, WI; Dennis Gramentz, Ankeny, IA; Joe and Sharon Helgert, Grand Rapids, MI; Theresa Howard, Crandon, WI; Anna Hinkley, Fremont, WI; Rose Johnson, DePere, WI; Vaino and Bea Juslen, Red Granite, WI; Katie Klemp, Antigo, WI; Dawn

Kraintz, Fond Du Lac, WI; David and Sandy Lambert, Oconomowoc, WI; Ronald and Nancy Lambert, Mukwonago, WI; George and Karen Marx, Crookston, MN; Marilyn, Marthaler, Duluth, MN; Phyllis Mattern, Neenah, WI; Linda Mercier, Oneida, WI; Loretta Metoxen, Oneida, WI; Gordon and Judy Otterson, Downing, WI; Mike and Rose Pelky, Plymouth, WI; David and Debbie Pickering, Berwyn, IL; Bruce and Ila Randolph, Woodstock, IL; Beverly Rask, Eden Prairie, MN; Rhonda Schumacher, Mukwonago, WI; Steve Sines, Brooklyn, MN; Martha Stephenson, Madison, WI; Tom and Doris Straw, Olivia, MN; Marilyn Tellock, Fremont, WI; Dave Thomas, Bellevue, WA; Frank and Joan Waldvogel, Sussex, WI; Edna Welch, Fremont, WI; Jane Wisnefske, Clintonville, WI

HELP WANTED

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Members are encouraged to contact the office for information on a full-time construction job that will be available during the building of the Senior Affordable Housing project.

Brothertown members should contact the office if they are interested in receiving training as a Property Manager. Three members will be selected for professional training during 2004 and another three training positions will be available in 2005. Graduation from the program will establish your credentials for employment in the property management field.

Volunteers are needed to help with making crafts, the proceeds of which go to the general fund. Contact Dawn at (920) 923-5183.

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Mail my book to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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Zip: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR:

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(In the event we have questions about your order.)

CONTACT:

Jane Wisnefske
N9747 Brandy Creek Road
Clintonville, WI 54929

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(Make your tax-deductible check or money order payable to **Brothertown Nation, Inc.**)

KIDS KORNER

Ceci Besaw

Aquay!

You've all heard the word wampum used as a slang word for money. Today we'll learn the real meaning of the word as our ancestors used it.

WAMPUM

Wampum or shell beads were used by Indians for thousands of years. The name came from the Narragansett word for white (wampi) string of shell beads (wapapiak or

wampumpeag) from the Whelk shell (Me-teauhock). The purple-black (Suki) beads were called Sukahock. Because these beads were so difficult to make they had great value to the Native people.

Our ancestors the Montauk, Narragansett, Mohegan, Niantic and Pequot of coastal Connecticut and Rhode Island, which had rich quahog shell beds, would gather the shells during the summer months and artistically craft them into patterned belts during the winter. Some historians say the men gathered the shells, made them into tubes and strung the belts.

Before the Europeans arrived Wampum was worn as a belt or bandolier mainly by the sachems or other important leaders. The great Wampanoag sachem, King Philip, wore a bandolier which was nine inches wide "wrought with black and white wampum in various figures and flowers, and pictures of many birds and beasts" which reached to the ground hanging from his shoulder.

Wampum belts were used for many purposes; a weaker tribe paid tribute to stronger ones, as some tribes did to the Narragansett. Sachems were paid a tribute by their people and lived a rich lifestyle, in return the sachem protected his people, from enemies and even hunger. Wisely, native people realized that potential resentments could develop in a society where unequal distribution of wealth existed. Ceremonies, rituals and games gave everyone a chance to win wampum.

An important aspect of wampum was the sending and receiving of wampum as a means of communication. Designs were woven into the belts to send a message to another person or tribe. The color white could symbolize peace or health while black might signify hostility, mourning, and disease. A wampum belt painted red (with red ochre or vermilion) was sent as a summons to war.

The use of wampum continued even after the American Revolution. Important treaty agreements were marked by an exchange of Wampum belts with designs that would thereafter serve as visual reminders of

the event itself, and to call to memory the arrangements agreed on by both parties. The Wampum belt recorded in pictures the words and gave them the pledge of sincerity, for without this pledge the talk was just casual. A designated person would be responsible for a belt's keeping and meaning, and for passing it on to the next generation. It is through these belts that many Native tribes kept their oral history.

The Brothertown Indians used Wampum belts as late as 1809.

The following is a chapter from Annals and Recollections of Oneida County, as published by Pomroy Jones in 1851.

In 1809, the Brothertown sent John Tuhi, sen., John Scheesuck, sen., Jacob Fowler and Henry Cuchip, delegates to treat with the western Indians. Their proceedings were ordered to be recorded.

Speech of the said delegates, July 3, 1809, to the Delaware, and the rest of the Wawponohkies, as follows:

"BROTHERS - We sent our salutation to you last year, with a promise that we would pay you a visit, we are very glad that the Good Spirit has enabled us to sit with you at this council-fire today.

"BROTHERS: - Our ancestors and your forefathers were in friendship with each other, but the covenant which they have made with your forefathers has been forgotten by us. Nevertheless, when we heard you were in trouble, we were sorry, and when you were promoting peace among yourselves and your neighbors, we rejoiced.

"BROTHERS: - Our forefathers have had the same fate your ancestors have met with, they have had a long war with the white people. Our people were then numerous, but after many years of storm or war, they made peace, then they found their numbers much lessened, and the white people possessed of their native country, as they have done to your forefathers, and for that reason we have had to move from place to place, as you have also done.

"BROTHERS: - Although we live a great distance from you and in among the white people, ever since we were in being, still we feel our minds drawn towards people of our own color.

"BROTHERS: - We now take hold of your hand, to renew that friendship which subsisted between our ancestors and yours, which has been forgotten for a great length of time, this friendship is extended to the whole of the confederacy, on our part we shall teach our children how to maintain this friendship, that it may last to the latest of our generations.

"BROTHERS: - We take your council-fire to be the front door at which we should enter at first, and here we put down our talk and request you to communicate the same to the whole of the confederacy.

(One belt of wampum delivered.)

"BROTHERS :- As you have a sad experience for many years past, you understand well what poverty is, therefore, we now lay our case before you, as we have not land enough to contain all our people in the east, we should feel happy if you would consider us: May the Great Good Spirit enable us to keep this friendship always bright."

(Delivered a white belt of wampum, with three black streaks on it, containing ten rows of wampum.)

Answer to the above:-

"WHITE RIVER, July 3, 1809

"At a General Council held by the Wawponohkies (to wit) :-Delaware, Mohiconick, Monssy, Wescoopsey, and Nanticoke Nations, at which time Working Pomseon, a principal chief of the Delaware Nation, delivered a speech to the deputies of the four towns which stand on the banks of the Grand River and River De Trench, also to the Mohekons, and the remnant of the seven tribes of Indians who reside at Brothertown, in the State of New York, as follows:-

"GRANDCHILDREN, BROTHERS, AND FRIENDS: - I am happy to see you. I salute you all. It is a

happy thing that we are met together so many of us, the remnant of the Wawponohkies, to deliberate upon the welfare of our respective tribes."

"GRANDCHILDREN: - While we were sitting by the side of this river, in a dismal situation, about twelve months ago, our grand-children, the chiefs and head warriors of the Miamies, arrived and sat where you now sit, and we were sitting where we now are, our business with them was to settle the difficulties which did arise on account of this land."

"GRANDCHILDREN:- With great satisfaction I now mention to you that last fall the Miamies and ourselves have removed all cause of uneasiness, and we have had a confirmation by the President of the United States, whereby we are assured we may live on these lands without molestation."

"GRANDCHILDREN, BROTHERS, and FRIENDS: - Be it known to you that you have the same privilege as we have to this land, we can not point out a particular spot for to live on, but you may take your own choice wherever you should be suited on undivided land along this river, there you may build your fire-place."

"GRANDCHILDREN, BROTHERS, and FRIENDS: - All our chiefs, head warriors, and young men send their salutations to your chiefs, heroes, and young men: Be it known then that our union is full and complete, and established to-day; therefore, let your eyes be fixed on this place, that your minds may not be fluctuating as heretofore, but easy and settled. This speech is to you all, as we have become one people."

(Different strings of wampum delivered. Two strings of white wampum to the Brothertown people.)

If you would like to make a wampum belt for yourself, send your name and address on a postcard to me - Cecilia Besaw, W6672 School Road., Greenville, WI 54942 - and I will mail you graph paper, directions how to string the beads and the addresses of catalogues where you can purchase simulated wampum. (Real wampum beads are expensive even today.) *Tabut'ni*

BROTHERTOWN HOMECOMING

October 18, 2003

10 AM to 5 PM (approx.)

Where: Lakeside Park Pavilion, Lakeside Park, Fond du Lac, WI
(Located at the North end of Main Street)

Registration: 10 AM

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 market with boy, girl, man, or woman. These will be the prizes for Bingo.

Detach and return by October 15, 2003

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:
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VOLUNTEER "THANK YOU!"

We appreciate the dedication and commitment of the following cadre of volunteers who have donated their time and effort in the past quarter:

Patty Brandl	Linda Shady
Darlene Drew	Coral Hankwitz
Carol Heller	Mary Huberty
Dan Kraitz	Germaine Patt
Barb Roloff	Delton Sersee
Caroline Andler	Sandy Pawlacyk
Herb Shady Jr	Elizabeth Snyder
Dick Welch	Sherry Wightman
Dan Miller	Martha Stephenson
Lonnie Heller	Mary Rudolph
Nancy & Ron Lambert	Darren Kroenke
Mike & Rose Pelky	Dale Miller
Joan & Frank Waldvogel	Mark Schreiner

THE CHAIRPERSONS CORNER

Theodore E. Stephenson

I am a Brothertown Indian. Over the years dedicated cores of volunteers, like those mentioned above, and your Community Council have worked without pay keeping the momentum going in the Brothertown drive for Federal Recognition as a Sovereign Tribal Nation.

The question you must ask yourself is do you want to be a member of a sovereign Indian Nation or would you prefer to be a member of a club? The Brothertown can always play "Indian" but the depth of meaning to be "Indian" and a Sovereign Indian Nation has come at a steep price; the loss of our cultural and historical embodiments as well as our community spirit. There is no better way to keep meaning and honor for our tribal ancestors than to be recognized as a Brothertown Indian Community. We will always be Indians, as individuals, but without a home we are isolated and destined to fade away.

We are now third on the 'ready to be activated' list for Recognition with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We can be called at anytime; it is not our choice. To gain a government to government relationship (Recognized Indian Tribe) we must be ready and to be ready we need experienced legal professionals skilled in the Native American Recognition effort. We need public relation specialists who can make our case for Recognition. We need marketing experts to survey our community. We need historians who can research, consolidate and

index our long history. We need a solid administrative center to ensure contact with you, the members.

What is the price of Federal

Recognition? How can you help?

The first way is easy. The Brothertown Indians must establish a Federal Recognition fund in order to enlist the assistance of professionals in our endeavor. So your financial support is essential. Secondly, but equally as important, is your personal networking. You may have political or professional relationships that are critical to the support needed for Recognition. Do you have ties to political parties or individuals in the State of Wisconsin? Do you have ties to political parties or individuals at the federal level? These are invaluable resources for Recognition.

We must have your financial support and commitment. Recognition is not free. Is the pride you have for being a Brothertown Member limited by apathy? By what's in it for me? Then it is time you stand up and do something about that apathy and reclaim your passion for being a Brothertown. Distance, age, commitment of time, expertise; none of these are a factor when you can show your loyalty by saying, "Yes! I am proud of being a Brothertown Indian and I am going to help! **I am a Brothertown Indian.**"

Here's how you can help.

The Federal Recognition Fund.

The Brothertown Indians are initiating a 3-year fund raising campaign starting now (2004 as year one). The campaign is based on the slogan "What is the price of Federal Recognition?" To become a member of a sovereign Indian Nation

there are three basic sovereign Indian Nation policies that each Brothertown member must comply: (1.) Acknowledged governance by a person or persons; (2.) Descendant proof from a prior official Roll; and (3.) Current and ancestral involvement back to the year 1900.

Acknowledged Governance. Evidence for this policy includes financial support, voting, meeting attendance, etc. The Brothertown Community Council asks every enrolled member (with no exceptions) to make a minimum \$10.00 per year contribution to the Federal Recognition Fund for the next three years. Your contribution should be mailed to the Brothertown Office along with your current address (not a post office box or address of a family member), telephone number, and Roll number. Other comments are welcome, as well as additional financial contributions. Any individual contributing \$35.00 or more per year will automatically receive the Quarterly Report. Other contributions less than \$35 must request a Quarterly Report (a policy designed to limit the number of reports mailed to the same address).

Minimum governance contribution:
\$10.00 per year (3-years)

General governance contribution:
\$35.00 per year (3-years)

Bronze governance contribution:
\$100.00 per year (3-years)

Silver governance contribution:
\$1,000.00 per year (3-years)

Gold governance contribution:
\$10,000.00 per year (3-years)

For many years the Council has asked annually for \$10.00 for the Quarterly Report. The Quarterly Report is not a great financial success story but they are a measure of governance. Then from 2001-2003 we asked annually for \$25.00 for the land acquisition fund (BILAC). We received \$17,435 from 478 contributors (about \$35 average) with which we purchased a parcel of land on the original Brothertown site. With the Federal Recognition Fund, BILAC goes on standby. The fund is not dead. People may donate to the fund if they so select. The Council must place emphasis on the Federal Recognition Fund at least until we send in our updated petition or get recognized.

Yes, we are asking all of you to pay.

Yes, we ask that you make your governance contribution today, and increase your giving tomorrow.

Our community has been providing services and now it needs your hard-earned money, and it needs that money now. If your annual household income is \$10,000 a 1% contribution would be \$100; or if it is \$100,000 that 1% would be \$1,000. This is the beginning of our all members fund drive. It starts today, when you read this article.

We need the money to hire at least two persons for data entry (\$50,000) and hire researchers (\$30,000). We need your contribution to demonstrate governance so that we can borrow money. But more important, we need your money to conduct research and update our Recognition petition.

The Federal Recognition Fund Drive Starts NOW! Mail your check!

Descendant Proof. Evidence for this policy includes certified copies of birth certificates. The burden of proof requires involvement by the members themselves. Our recent reconciliation between the paper files, the enrollment files, and the new MMS database revealed many member files only having a Xerox copy of their birth certificate. Members, please be prepared to provide a certified copy ASAP! I personally think we have done this "certified birth certificate" thing at least a dozen times in the last 20 years. Please respond promptly when asked. (Yes, I have seen several files without certified birth certificates. Please don't ask me how.) Except for birth certificates and needed technology updates, this requirement just needs many hours of work to be accurate. Yes, we will have many hours of telephone contact with members. Yes, we hope to trace many of our descendants back to the 1795 Roll.

Current and Ancestral Involvement. It is our opinion that ALL members (on the Roll) must have been active family participants in Brothertown (and/or other Indian) affairs throughout the 1900's. What has been your ancestral involvement in the Brothertown back to the year 1900? We must each talk about this requirement with our family.

I recommend that two things must happen this year (2004). First, there must be many Brothertown family picnics. At least one picnic per family line. Second, each Brothertown family must know our history. This is about "I am a Brothertown Indian".

Brothertown Family Picnics.

Now is the time to schedule a family picnic on a Saturday or Sunday in June, July or August. Take a look at your grandparents on the roll and invite all or your Brothertown cousins to a 1:00 PM picnic on June xx, at YY park. Get a couple of your cousins to help you plan the event. The Brothertown Office will help with names and addresses as deemed appropriate. The purpose of the Picnic is to bring your old pictures to discuss your Brothertown Heritage from 1900 until today. Take notes, pictures, and recordings at the picnic and have a good time. Then, WE NEED YOUR REPORT, including a list of attendants. We also need you to contact your long lost cousins and promote their governance contributions, etc. I think you understand our need. We the Brothertown have lost a bit of our history. We need to recreate it and we need to recreate it now.

A thought: Perhaps we should promote "ribbon shirts" for 2004. For the last decade "teal" (ink color 320) has been the Brothertown color. A ribbon shirt is simply a shirt with a ribbon sown from the neck over the shoulder and half way down the arm. At that point at least two ribbons (6 inches +/-) are attached to dangle on each arm. Yes, ribbon shirts can also be fancy but why? When you wear your ribbon shirt, you are a Brothertown Indian.

The Brothertown History.

Folklore, fact or fiction --- it has been reported that in 1978, when the federal rules were revised for acknowledgment of tribes, a federal researcher telephoned

and asked the operator for the telephone number of the Brothertown Indians in Brothertown. Of course there was none. But, the operator knew that XXX was known to be a Brothertown council member. The federal researcher then telephoned XXX and asked: "are you a Brothertown Indian?" XXX responded, "I consider myself of German descendant."

Fact or fiction, this story addresses our present situation. When we go on "active" status, potentially in 2004, our members will be subject to random telephone calls from the federal researchers.

Step 1: Consider this response: I am a Brothertown Indian. The Brothertown community traces its ancestral roots to Algonquian speaking people who lived in the Thames River Valley, some 400 years ago. For additional details I will send you our "brief history" handout.

How can we get our members to know and acknowledge their heritage?

Step 2: The Historical Roadside Marker. Know and understand the Brothertown history as inscribed on our historical roadside marker. The text is less than 150 words. The marker was installed at the intersection of State Highways 55 & 151 in Calumet County on the northern boundary of the original Brothertown land in Wisconsin. This is our most brief History:

“The Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin: The Brothertown (Brotherton) are descendants of the Pequot and Mohegan (Algonquin-speaking) tribes in southern New England. They became a tribe in 1769 when seven Christian and English-speaking communities organ-

ized and moved to land in upstate New York. They cleared the land, planted fields and built houses while under intense pressure to again move west. The Brothertown joined their neighbors, the Oneida and the Stockbridge, and planned a move to Wisconsin. The Brothertown purchased land near Kaukauna which the United States government exchanged for the land called Brothertown Township in Calumet County. Five groups of Brothertown arrived in Wisconsin on ships at the port of Green Bay between 1831 and 1836. Upon arrival, the Brothertown cleared land and began farming after building a church near Jericho. Today, the Brothertown remain a culturally distinct Indian community of about 2,400 with the largest concentration residing in the Fond du Lac area.”

Step 3: Know and understand the following very brief history.

VERY BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BROTHERTOWN INDIANS

The Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin trace their roots to the initial "contact" days of the Indians of New England and the northeast - - most notably the Pequots and Mohegans.

In 1769 Samson Occum, a teacher and lay minister, began to advocate that members of seven (7) tribal communities (Mohegan, Mashantucket, Stonington and Farmington in CT; Charlestown and Niantic in RI; and Montauk on Long Island) join together and move west. These seven communities of Native Americans were Christian, school educated, English speaking farmers and business owners and were generally ac-

cepted clothing. Although these small congregations were generally accepted, there was increasing social and political pressure for them to leave the neighborhood. It took Occum five years to organize his flock and began the move to upstate NY. He called each male member of his flock brother, hence, Brothertown. Their purpose was to gain strength and move to escape increasing social and political pressure from their new neighbors.

The Revolutionary War, US government restrictions, the War of 1812 and continued social unrest caused the Brothertown to consider their move west. They purchased land and organized the move to Wisconsin. The Brothertown moved in five groups and arrived by ship in Wisconsin between 1831 and 1836. Then Congress moved the Brothertown from the land they purchased to a newly surveyed Township. The township in Calumet County is still on the map today on the lower southeastern shore of Lake Winnebago. In 1839, Congress converted the eventual Brothertown reservation in Wisconsin into a township. The tribe still exists and continues its many activities, including the collection of annuities due them. The Brothertown have been acknowledged by the state of Wisconsin. The Brothertown Indians have not been terminated as a community of Indians living in Wisconsin. Federal recognition is needed.

The Brothertown commenced its efforts toward securing federal recognition from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in 1978. It is presently at the top of the "Ready Status" among more than 250 tribes in the Que. While it continues work on its petition, it anticipates being

placed on "Active Status". This is the last step where BIA researchers prepare their proposed finding, hopefully in 2004.

Securing long-deserved federal recognition will provide the Brothertown official sovereign nation status when dealing with all federal, state, regional and municipal government entities. It will enable the tribe and its members to secure the self-sufficiency and improved quality of life opportunities often denied Native Americans throughout the history of the United States. These benefits (health care, college education assistance to seniors and youth, restoration and expansion of traditions/culture/languages, business start-ups and overall economic development) will become possible through a combination of government agreements and entrepreneurial enterprises.

Remember: **I am a Brothertown Indian. Mail your check and make it big.**

The Federal Recognition Fund Drive Starts NOW!

GATHERINGS

February 18-20, 2004 The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation is sponsoring an Algonquin Language Conference in Connecticut. Contact the office for information.

Members from the Northwest United States. If you would like to link together by sharing email letters, addresses, telephone numbers, or meeting other Brothertown members in your area, contact Tom Welch, 9264 S. Centennial Lane, Canby, OR 97013-8355, welchnorthwest@aol.com. It promises to be enjoyable and educational.

Saturday, May 29, 2004

The Third Annual Brothertown Brat Fry will again be held at PDQ, 400 Van Dyne Road in North Fond du Lac. Volunteers are needed. Contact Irene Shady, (920) 922-8132 or the office.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Chairperson Emeritus June Ezold remains convalescing following her mishap earlier this year. She can be contacted at; 2848 Witches Lake Road, Arbor Vitae, WI 54568-9727.

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Tribal Planner: Alan M. Skubal

Happy Holidays!

Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin is our Recognition name. It is the name that notes our geographic and governance location since settlement in the 1830's. It is also the name under which our 1995 Federal Acknowledgement Petition was submitted.

Brothertown Nation, Inc. is our non-profit name. It is the legal entity under which we conduct business.

Brothertown Indian Nation will be our official name after Recognition has been attained.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

December

Nothing scheduled.

2004

January

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

February

21; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m., Lakeside Park Pavilion, Fond du Lac [Election of Nominating Committee]

March

20; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m., North Fond du Lac Senior Center [Council nominations]

April

17; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m., Little Falls MN

May

15; Council/General meeting, 10 a.m., North Fond du Lac Senior Center [Council election]

June

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

July

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

August

21; Council/General meeting, noon, American Legion Hall, Gresham WI

September

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

October

16; Council meeting, 9 a.m., office

November

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

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Crafts

Contact Dawn Krantz at (920) 923-5183 or crafts@brothertownindians.org

Elders

Contact Irene Shady at (920) 922-8132 for information.

Enrollment

As of December 31, 2000 the processing of new applications for membership on the Brothertown Roll was suspended. Since that time only those who submitted applications prior to December 31, 2000 have been added to the Roll. However, the Committee will continue to accept applications but they will not be processed until the suspension is lifted.

It is essential that you inform us immediately when you, or a family member, experience a change in name, address, or other contact information.

For enrollment and ID card information, contact Phyllis Mattem (920) 722-0311.

Sunshine

Chairperson Irene Shady continues furnishing get-well and sympathy cards to members. Contact her at (920) 922-8132.

WISCONSIN INDIAN STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

This is a need-based grant available to Wisconsin residents who are attending a Wisconsin school of higher education.

For information contact your school or the State of Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board, P.O. Box 7885, Madison, WI 53707-7885. You can also use their Website: <http://heab.state.wi.us/programs.html> and

follow the links for the "Indian Student Assistance Grant".

Complete the application and send it to the Brothertown office for verification of the member-student's enrollment in the tribe. We will then send it to the school for action and they will forward it to the WHEAB in Madison. Do not contact us on the status of your application. We do not approve the grant but only verify the student's enrollment. Check with your school or the WHEAB.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In January 2003 we submitted, along with our co-partner, an application to the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority for the securing of tax-credits to aid in the creation of our Senior Affordable Housing building. We ended up one point short of qualifying on the competitive scoring system. Consequently, we will be applying once again in January 2004.

If you are interested in living in the Fond du Lac facility, scheduled for completion in 2005, kindly complete the enclosed letter of interest and mail it to the office by January 9, 2004.

HELP WANTED

Volunteers are needed to ensure that a portion of the land upon which your ancestors settled in Wisconsin is kept clean. For more information on becoming active in the Adopt-A-Highway campaign contact Jane Wisnfske jane.wisnfske@thedacare.org (715) 823-3478, or the office

Members are encouraged to contact the office for information on a full-time construction job that will be available during the building of the Senior Affordable Housing project.

Brothertown members should contact the office if they are interested in receiving train-

ing as a Property Manager. Three members will be selected for professional training during 2004 and another three training positions will be available in 2005. Graduation from the program will establish your credentials for employment in the property management field.

"SAMSON OCCUM" BOOK ORDER FORM

Mail my book to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR:

Telephone: _____

or

Email: _____

(In the event we have questions about your order.)

CONTACT:

Jane Wisnfske
N9747 Brandy Creek Road
Clintonville, WI 54929

I am ordering _____ copy(s) of *Samson Occum* x \$20 each = \$ _____
plus \$3.00 per copy
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TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

*(Make your tax-deductible check or money order payable to **Brothertown Nation, Inc.**)*

BROTHERTOWN CIRCLE

Debbie Pickering

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the history and traditions of the Brothertown Indians is invited to join us at our meetings. Most of the time we will meet the fourth Saturday of each month.

January 24--We will learn quilling at Dave and Sandy Lambert's in Oconomowoc. For information email dlbert@execpc.com

February 28--We will have a book talk. Title and meeting place TBA.

March 27--Topic and meeting place TBA.

April 17--We will attend the Brothertown meeting in Little Falls, Minnesota.

May 22--Topic and meeting place TBA.

June--We will take a field trip to attend the powwow in Escanaba. Dates TBA.

If you have any questions about the meetings or the Circle, please call any of the people listed above or contact Caroline Andler, andlerck@execpc.com (262) 965-3994, or Joan Waldvogel, joandw@juno.com (262) 246-3040 or Debbie Pickering, (708)795-1571 dpwriter@comcast.net.

BROTHERTOWN CIRCLE YOUTH CONTEST RESULTS - 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

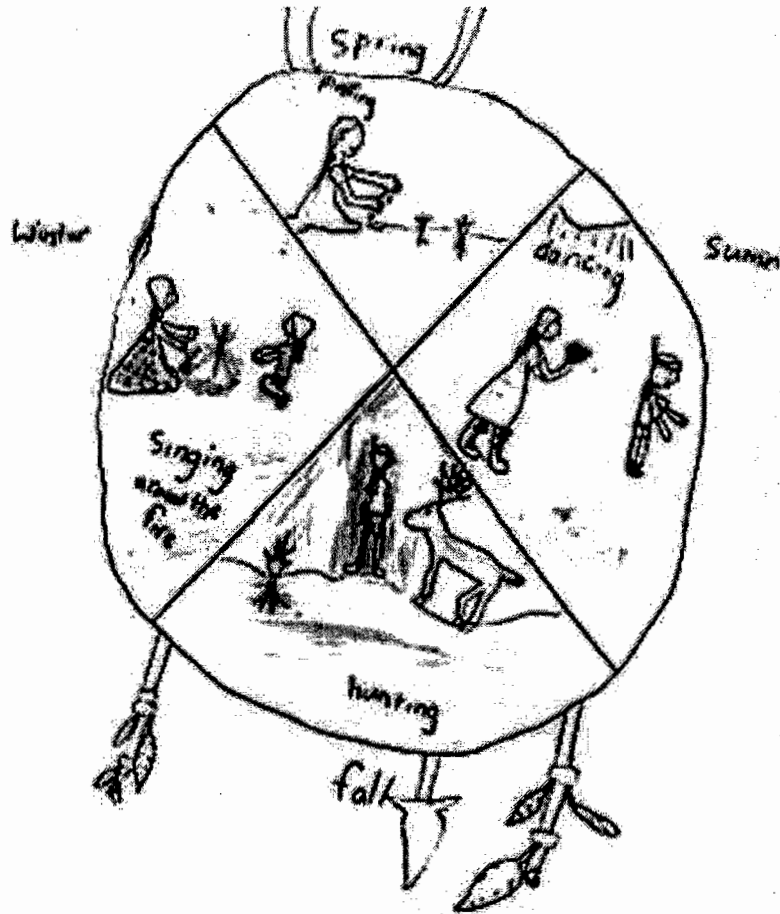
Use any art materials on 10 x 14 poster board. The poster should be about a Brothertown theme.

Our winners were:

1st Place \$50 Rachel Baldwin

2nd Place \$25 Matt Proll

"I wanted to show how the Brothertown Indians lived peacefully with nature in all the seasons of the year. In spring they planted. In the summer they danced and celebrated with gatherings, in fall they harvested and hunted to prepare for the coming winter. In winter they gathered around the fires and shared stories." – Rachel Baldwin



ESSAY CONTEST

Interview an elder of Brothertown ancestry and write up the results of the interview in essay form.

Our winners were:

1st Place \$125.00 Alexandra Boland "The Elders Speak"

2nd Place \$75.00 Amber Welch "My Brothertown Family History"

**3rd Place a tie \$50 each: Chris Adair
"The Intertwining of a Brothertown Descendants Life"**

and

Micah Quinney Jones "Interview With My Grandmother"

The Elders Speak

Alexandra Boland

I interviewed my great grandfather, Stanley Kindness. His father was half Brotherton, and half Oneida. His mother, Elizabeth Kantzler, was Scottish. He was born in Fond du Lac. He had one brother, Lyle, and three sisters, Ursula, Fern, and Marge. Stanley's parents separated when he was ten or twelve. His mother remarried Leo Langlois when he was sixteen. Stanley didn't learn much about the native traditions because of his parents' separation. He associated with his father's relatives, but didn't really learn the traditions.

Stanley lived in Brothertown in about 1925 or so. He was five or six years old. It was a very small town then, Stanley says the population was probably a few hundred, as a rough guess. It had one main street, a highway passing through. It had a grocery store, a tavern, a meat market, and perhaps a church, but Stanley can't remember. His family didn't go to church very often. There weren't very many businesses in Brothertown.

A lot of Stanley's relatives lived in the surrounding area. The grocery store was run by a relative, and the tavern was, too. His best friend's dad ran the meat market, but they weren't related. For many years, Stanley's family didn't travel very far. When he was a little older, his family got an open touring car which his family used for transportation, traveling to visit relatives.

As a young boy, Stanley didn't have much in toys. In the winter, he played in the snow with his friends, in the summer they swam, but they mostly hiked around through the woods, or played ball. Behind Stanley's house there was an old shack that they called their clubhouse. He says that, as boys, he and his friends did all sorts of crazy stuff in their clubhouse. They also tried to drown gophers out, pouring bucket after bucket down the holes, and waiting over another one to catch the gophers.

Stanley attended kindergarten in Fond du Lac. In first grade, he went to a "country school" which was outside of the

city of Brothertown. He believes that it was approximately one mile away. He walked to the one room school house every day. It went up to the sixth or seventh grade. He moved to Fond du Lac when he was twelve. He attended seventh grade the first year he lived there, and graduated from high school in 1936 in Fond du Lac.

Stanley was in the Air force. When he was enlisted he went to school to become an airplane mechanic. After finishing there, he was sent to a military base in Anchorage, Alaska. They didn't have any mechanic work there because they didn't have any airplanes, so they gave him a desk job in the Squadron office. He became a clerk, and then a First Sergeant. He then took an examination, equivalent to two years of college, to get into flight school, because he hadn't gone to college. He passed and came back to the continental United States to train.

Stanley went down in Florida to train. After his forty hours of flying with an instructor, he could fly solo. He and his fellow students did some dog fighting. They also chased cattle on the ground, between trees. If they had oranges, they would fly over the bay, throwing the oranges at the boats. Stanley said that this was their practice for hitting targets. He also once flew under a bridge, but as he explains, it was a high bridge, and he only slightly skimmed the water. When he graduated out of Primary Training, the instructor was supposed to ask each trainee what kind of pilot he was going to be, but when the instructor came to Stanley, he said, "I don't need to ask you. I know what you want to be, a fighter pilot!"

Stanley later crashed in a training mission. There were high velocity winds, but they had the "Go Ahead" to fly. For takeoff one canopy had to be open, and normally the closed one was the instructor's. Stanley was taking off when the plane went into a left bank. Neither the instructor, nor Stanley could bring it out. The plane crashed and slid underneath another plane, and both aircraft exploded. The instructor wasn't severely hurt, because the canopy protected him from the splash of gasoline.

Stanley was badly burned, and spent over thirty-two months in the hospital. There is grafted skin on his hands, face, neck, and anywhere he was badly burned. Through all of this, his wife, my great grandmother Eleanor, was raising several children, including my grandmother, Sandra. Stanley was never discriminated against for being Indian; he said "It was never mentioned." Likewise, Stanley and Eleanor didn't discriminate against the black busboys. Eleanor thanked them, and Stanley would sit with them, to drink beer, as long as they were nice people. Their race didn't matter.

Stanley is proud of his heritage, but the name Brothertown doesn't mean much to him. He could support either Oneida, or Brothertown. He would like to see Brothertown be recognized as a tribe. Stanley says that if they were recognized, he would be more interested in them. He isn't sure that this will happen anytime soon, though. He says he will be more willing to lend money if they were recognized. He doesn't want to give them too much of anything now, because he doesn't know what will happen to his money. He would like to be informed, perhaps in the newsletter, of what is happening with the money that he donated.

My Brothertown Family History

Amber Welch

I interviewed my grandfather, Ralph Amor Welch, to find out more about my family history. It was interesting to listen to my grandfather reminisce about his childhood and growing up on the reservation.

My grandfather is from both the Stockbridge and the Brothertown Nations. He was raised in Red Springs, WI (Gresham) Morgan Siding by godly parents; Elmer and Melinda Welch. He was born in 1928, but his story begins long before that.....

What is now Stockbridge, Massachusetts, was once the home of the Mohican Indian tribe. In 1734 (?), through the missionary work of John Sergeant, some of the leaders of this tribe embraced Christianity. During this time, the Mohican tribes were often referred to as the "praying Indians". The

small village called Stockbridge housed many people from other tribes who came to the village to learn to read or to hear more about Christianity.

In 1822, the Brothertown and Stockbridge Indians migrated to what became Stockbridge, WI and then later migrated to the Gresham area. In Red Springs, the John Sergeant Memorial Presbyterian Church was established. My grandfather, along with his three sisters and four brothers, walked to Sunday school each week from Morgan Siding.

In May of 1937, eight members of the John Sergeant Memorial Presbyterian Church withdrew themselves, and started a new church called Old Stockbridge Orthodox Presbyterian Church. My grandfather remembers six of the eight names of the people who started the new church in Morgan Siding. These include Harry Shepard and his wife, Gordon and Ruth Shepard, Mac and Elsey Tousey. My grandfather and his family also started going to this new church along with many other Brothertown Indians.

After using temporary buildings for several years, my grandfather and other members, erected a church building that was made out of the old Indian mission school dormitory. My Great-grandfather Welch used his team of horses to haul the wall sections of the dormitory from its original location to the new location for the church in Morgan Siding.

Also in 1948, my grandfather went to live in Milwaukee looking for a job because there was no work on the reservation. He stayed with his brother Clyde and his wife Beverly. During his stay, Beverly's sister would visit every once and awhile, and he decided to ask her out. After four or five weeks of dating, they decided to get married on February 6, 1954.

They had seven children over the years, the second youngest being my mom. My grandfather and grandmother raised all of their children in the Old Stockbridge OPC Church and now, after 66 years of going to the church, not only does my grandfather go there, but my mom, dad, and myself. So the

early influence of missionaries like John Sergeant and others who devoted themselves to the Brothertown people, created the history of Christianity in my family.

KIDS KORNER

Ceci Besaw

Thanksgiving is a time where we traditionally give thanks to our families, friends, and good health. On the first Thanksgiving, the pilgrims and Indians gave thanks for the corn harvest. The Pilgrims learned many things from the Indians. They used corn to stuff mattresses with husks, burned cobs for fuel, made corn cob pipes, and corn-shuck dolls.

Today people all over the world grow corn or maize. We eat sweet corn and use popcorn for popping. The rest of the corn is used to feed animals and make products like corn starch and corn meal.

In parts of America, Indian farmers still grow their corn. They plant the seeds as their ancestors once did. They care for the plant, harvest it, and grind it on a metate, or flat stone. And they praise the corn that has fed their people for thousands of years.

If you would like to plant some Heirloom corn seeds in the spring, you can contact the Plimoth Plantation at 5 Natalie Way, Plymouth, MA, 02360 or via e-mail at www.plimoth.com. Heirloom plants hold both historic and genetic significance.

If you would like to try a tasty corn chowder this winter, try this recipe for A-Maize-ing Corn Chowder:

- 6 strips bacon
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- ½ cup water
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cans (17 ounces each) cream style corn
- 1 can (16 ounces) whole kernel corn,
drained
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Ground black pepper

Fry bacon in a Dutch oven until crisp; remove bacon, reserving 2 tablespoons of drippings. Crumble bacon and set aside. Saute onion in reserved drippings

until tender; add potatoes and water. Cover and simmer 15-20 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Stir in milk, corn, salt, pepper to taste; continue to cook, stirring frequently, until heated through. Sprinkle with crumbled bacon to serve.

QUARTERLY REPORT

Council members Gerald Johnson and Jane Wisnefske serve as Editorial Board members for this Quarterly Report.

Deadlines for 2004 submissions are: February 26th, May 21st, August 20th, and November 19th.

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 2005.

I understand I must be at least age 55 at the time of opening.

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. (choose one of the following)

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

- less than \$12,000
- between \$12,000 and \$16,000
- between \$16,000 and \$20,000
- between \$20,000 and \$25,000

OR

Another person and myself would occupy the unit and our annual income is (check one):

- less than \$14,000
- between \$14,000 and \$19,000
- between \$19,000 and \$23,000
- between \$23,000 and \$28,000

Signature

Today's date

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