



## welcome board Members

Please join us in welcoming Joe Rousseau (Cheyenne River Sioux) and Edna Freemont (Omaha) to the Indian Center, Inc. Board of Directors. Both are familiar faces—Rousseau is beginning his second term, and Freemont is a returnee after sitting out for one term. They were elected to serve on September 29, 2011 by eligible Native American Lincoln residents with the winners announced at the conclusion of the 42nd Annual Dinner. Vacancies and elections occur on an annual basis in September.

We would also like to congratulate those who were honored for their efforts and contributions over the past year. Annual awards were given to the following:

Board Member of the Year: Frank Blythe (Sisseton Wahpeton/Eastern Band Cherokee)

Staff Member of the Year: Alan McCready

Volunteer of the Year: Alice Williams; Frank Bear Killer (Oglala Lakota)

Elder of the Year: Otto LeRoy (Ponca)

Organization of the Year: Pinnacle Bank

Special Recognition Awards were presented to Kendrick Stabler (Omaha) and Dan & Nettie Sikyta (Omaha) as well as posthumously to Ken Bordeaux, Sicangu (Rosebud) Lakota veteran and spiritual leader and Cal Pekas (Yankton/Winnebago), former Indian Center employee and community leader in both Lincoln and Omaha.

The prestigious Floyd Taylor Award was given to Naomi Grant (Omaha), longtime community member and supporter.



# Newsletter

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## Veterans Day Event

Native Americans serve the United States at a per capita rate higher than any other ethnic group. Historically, we have carried deep regard for our warriors and this sentiment carries through to modern times. The Gourd Dance comes to us from the Kiowa Tribe, and its original purpose was healing for returning soldiers. If you're lucky enough to have the day off from work, come join us for a Gourd Dance and Hand Game at the Indian Center in honor of Veterans' Day, November 11, 2011, beginning at 1:00pm.



## vice board chair speaks

Myron Long Soldier, Indian Center Vice Chair, was the featured speaker for the Nebraska Military Departments 2011 native American Heritage Celebration on November 1, 2011. Long Soldier, Oglala Lakota, shared his background and commented on the Seven Sacred Rites. If you're interested in the topic and have Internet access you can visit <http://sleepingcrow.wordpress.com/2007/01/04/lakota-seven-sacred-rites/>

## Lincoln Indian Club Thanksgiving Dance

November 19, 2011, 1:00pm at the Indian Center. Gourd Dance, Meal, and Hand Game.

In-Charge: Dan & Nettie Sikyta

MC: Chris Freemont

Head Singer: Zack Sheridan

Head Man: Kendrick Stabler

Head Lady: Carrie Wolfe

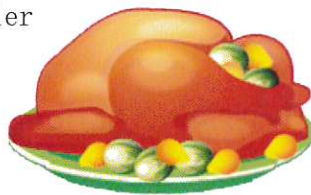
All Are Welcome -

Bring your dishes -

Contact: Club President

Jacob Smith, 402.805.5024

or Judy Vance, 402.477.6035.



## Talking Circle

Native Americans women's Talking Circle is held on Tuesdays at 6:00pm. This is offered by the Indian Center's Native American Domestic Violence Cultural Liaison Mary Robertson.

Contact Mary for more information at the Indian Center, 402.438.5231x119 or after hours at 402.805.0747.



## Save Me, Santa

### Handgame & Social Dances

November 26th, 2011: 12pm start time.

In-Charge: Frank Bearkiller & Edna Freemont

MC: Earl Pilcher Jr.

Head Singer: Tyren Saunsoci

Special Guest Appearance by Santa Claus!

Sponsored by: Save Me, Santa!, Indian Center, Inc. and Native Descent.

Special Invitation to: Lincoln Indian Club, Dreams of Eagles, Warrior Society, Macy Seniors Citizens, Winnebago Senior citizens, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Urban Indian Health Coalition and public are greatly welcome. Please come and support our cause. Bring dishes and chairs for your own use.

This is a fundraiser to help support the SAVE ME, SANTA! Toy drive this holiday season. All Proceeds, Donations and Contributions will be placed towards the Save Me Santa Toy Drive.

Special Save Me, Santa! Spokesperson Cyrus Walker will be taking toy suggestions from the Lincoln' Indian community children about what Santa Claus should collect for Christmas.

For more information please contact Mechelle Walker 402.601.3664 or Kendrick Stabler 402.405.4306

## Princesses Crowned

Two princesses were crowned at the Indian Center's Celebration Powwow on August 20, 2011: Gianni Gurneau and Jaicein Mayfield.



## Thanksgiving Meal

The Indian Center's Community Thanksgiving meal will take place on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 6:00pm.

## Holiday gifts for kids

Sign-ups started November 1, 2011 and will continue through December 2, 2011 at 3:00pm. We encourage families to come by and apply prior to the deadline if possible. Toys for Tots does require us to check Social Security Numbers and proof of residence, but we will not take copies of Social Security cards.



Distribution will be held:

Monday, December 19 - 11:00am to 4:00pm

Tuesday, December 20 - 9:00am to noon

1:00pm to 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 21 - 11:00am to 4:00pm

If you have any special needs this holiday season, please ask to speak with Jacinda at the Indian Center, 402.438.5231x105.

We will do our best to find a way to help.

## Need help signing up for food stamps?

Liaisons are available from the Food Bank at the Indian Center on November 28, 2011 from 12:30-2:30pm.

## Legal Aid

Attorney visits the Indian Center on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm to meet with persons needing legal advice. Next date: November 15, 2011.



Low

Income

bus pass

Price has risen to \$8.00 effective November 1, 2011. No proof of income is necessary; however, ID is required and your signature is a self-attestation that your household income falls within 200% of poverty level.

# Indian center programs

## Circles of Care

(CoC) is a program that seeks to provide the urban Indian communities of Lincoln and Omaha with tools and resources to plan and design a holistic, community-based system of care to support mental health and wellness for children, youth and families.

## Commodities

Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) provides nutritional commodities monthly to income-eligible seniors 60+, pregnant-to-twelve months postpartum women, and infants to 12 months of age.

## family Needs

offers programs that benefit families with reduced-cost bus passes, diapers, limited emergency rental and utility assistance, free tax preparation, and other seasonal distributions.

## Workforce Investment Act

(WIA ) helps Native Americans seeking to increase their education, skills, and employment status. Offices are located in Lincoln, Omaha and Scottsbluff.

## Youth Program

seeks to promote positive lifestyles for Native American youth in the Lincoln community through education, character development, and leadership by administering academic services and cultural/social activities.

## Domestic Violence

Cultural Liaison offers information and referral to Native American women and families that can help with difficult situations.

Pictured: Indian Center Board Member Larry Wright



## staff Directory

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*Sue Bad Moccasin*, Experience Works/Community Outreach

*Cuba Dabney*, WIA site supervisor, Omaha

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*Caitlin Donald*, WIA administrative assistant / ext. 108

*Rose Foster*, Accounting / ext. 111

*Barb Grant*, CoC Director / ext. 104

*Kathleen Harlan*, Receptionist / ext. 107

*Jessica James*, WIA & Youth Director / ext. 109

*Alan McCready*, CSFP Assistant / ext. 115

*Jina Red Nest*, WIA Site Supervisor, Scottsbluff

308.225.1325

*Mary Robertson*, Keeper of the Flame (KOF) Domestic Violence Native American Cultural Liaison / ext. 119

*Bobby Robinette*, Housing & Finance Director / ext. 113

*Jacinda Weltsch*, Executive Assistant/Family Needs

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# VETERANS DAY

## *Gourd Dance & Hand Game*

BENEFIT: All Indian Center activities support the Annual Powwow

*Friday*

November 11, 2011 at 1:00pm



Pictured: Kendrick Stabler, the famous floating gourd dancer at the May 2011 ICI Gourd Dance.

*In Charge:*

Rufus & Maxine White

*MC:* TBA

*Head Man:*

Eugene Pappan

*Head Lady:*

Caitlin Dodd

*Head Singer:*

Alfred White Eyes

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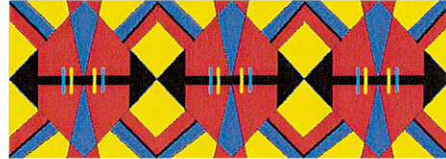
Warrior Society, Dreams of Eagles, Lincoln Indian Club,

Native Descent, Sewing Maidens, Minutewomen, Ponca Warrior Society



*Singers at an April 2, 2011 event*

If you have any question about this newsletter, or would like to make suggestions for future editions, please contact Jacinda at 402.438.5231x105 or by e-mail at [jacinda@mail2star.com](mailto:jacinda@mail2star.com)



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