



## Florida Indian Hobbyist Association

4th Quarter 2016

### Up coming Events

FIHA Holiday Party  
Buffalo Chophouse PSL

Dec. 18—12PM to 3PM

RSVP by 12/10/16

events@fiha.us

Board Meeting at SLC Fair  
Jan 8 2017 @ Noon

February 12, 2016

February 26, 2016

March 12, 2016

Keep an eye on the Website  
for location.

### Report from the President

In 1965, a group of men and women, working with a local Boy Scout Explorer unit, made a decision that the Treasure Coast had a need. That need was to expand the knowledge to those scouts and the public regarding the song and dance of the Native American. Over the past 52 years that group has evolved, some good and some bad. That group has seen its share of moves and changes, over the past 52 years. There are some that believe over the years, things have become lost in the hustle and bustle of modern day life. The theme for the 52nd annual dance is "Returning to our Traditions." It is the goal of this board to bring back those traditions lost over the many years. It is their goal to bring everyone together through dance and song. It is their goal to ask our friends put away those differences that have had some leave our group, and ask that you join us in making this year's dance the best it has ever been. Our goal is not to put aside those ideas that made this powwow great, but to embrace the best the last 52 years have brought us. We also are bringing to this dance, those traditions that have long been forgotten in the sunshine state. This board is a new board with a new determination, make the FIHA annual dance the best dance in Florida and the nation. Our marketing director, our second Vice President, has an aggressive plan to make sure everyone in the gold and treasure coast know about the dance and come. Our powwow chair has dedicated his life to Native American studies and promises that he will do everything in his

being to make this the best, purest event in history. But we will need your help. To put together a World Class event it takes people and time. We need your help not only on the weekend of the dance but on the days and weeks leading up to the dance. We need you to join our group if you are not already a member. We need you to come out to our board meetings and our December Holiday Social and fellowship with us. We need your ideas and thoughts to make this happen. In this newsletter are the dates and locations of these events. Please make an effort as this is YOUR powwow. Also check the website often as we update it with the latest information. To those of you have been with us for all these years, I want to say Thank You for your service. Please join us, and let's make this the absolute best powwow in the United States.

Richard Gallant

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## Powwow Chairman

As the F.I.H.A. Powwow Chairman, I'm excited to embrace the theme, "Returning to Our Traditions", for our 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Powwow. We are bringing back some of the time honored traditions that are absent in most modern powwow festivals. This year we will appoint three water carriers; positions of great importance as these boys bring sustenance to the dancers. We will have a Whip Man as well as a Head Man and Head Lady. This was an old tradition in the southern plains area that we thought would be appropriate for educational purposes. Our color guard will be comprised of pre-selected Veterans, dressed in full regalia,

showing the dignity and honor associated with carrying our service flags. A true Veterans Honoring Ceremony will take place during each Grand Entry. Our Committee Giveaway will include food baskets given to honor our elders. This too is one of the old ways which seems to have been lost over time. Already we have contracted three drums for this historic event. Ottertrail Singers, from Apache Oklahoma with Alex Santos as Head Singer, will be our Host Southern Drum. Red Boys, with Nikik-Napesis Oliver as Head Singer, will be our host Northern Drum. Red Bird Juniors, with Sid Dingman as Head Singer, will be our host Local Drum. The Ottertrail Singers along with members of the Red Boys drum

will present a full Gourd Dance session, so don't forget to pack your Gourd Dance clothes! Grupo de Danza Azteca, 'Tloke Nahuake', our neighbors to the south will entertain us with historic Aztec Dances. Ed Winddancer will perform exciting and uplifting flute presentations. The Hitchiti Dancers will exhibit some old dances not seen at present day powwows and the Red Bird Juniors will demonstrate some fun and unusual story dances. A large tipi encampment is in the planning stages along with a museum exhibit and a living museum. Sashes have been ordered for the Princess Competition and award ribbons have been ordered for the Craft Competition.

Two categories of craftwork will be judged; Beginners and Advanced. Also the Saturday night Auction promises to be a huge success. As you can see, there are a lot of changes being made by our new Board and our enthusiastic Powwow Committee. But we need YOUR help! Why not volunteer to help in the Committee Booth, or maybe you are a Veteran with dance regalia that would like to honor us by carrying a service flag during Grand Entry. You might be a craftsman who could demonstrate your talent in the living museum. If you can help in any way, please contact me at:

Dr. Rich Conway,

## Vendor Coordinator

Greetings FIHA Trader, The New FIHA board hopes that you all are having a prosperous year, and are making plans to join us for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual FIHA POWWOW. If you haven't been to our website as yet, it is FIHA.US. To get to the menu, click the three bars in the upper left corner of the page where you can access where you need to go. Click on the Vendor link where you will be able to make your payments online securely, without concern of any lost correspondence thru the mail. Your non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The balance to be paid no later than Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. If initial deposit is not received by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, your spot cannot be guaranteed for 2017, as other vendors have been in contact with us for any availability.

For those who will be bringing trailers and motor homes, the full hook up fee will be the same as 2016, which is \$25.00 per night. Tent camping will be \$15.00 per night. This also can be paid online at the camping link of the menu. There are 80 full hookup campsites. This includes electric, water, and sewer. You should make these reservations as soon as possible. Please note that when you pay your deposit, or in full, Please add note as to where you were located this year. We ask because we have revamped the arena area to accommodate more vendors inside. When we hear from you, we can tell you what is available. There are those who have expressed that they would still like to remain outside, which

is fine, but they will be located closer to the building. We are addressing issues for outside areas concerning water, and should have that taken care of before the event, so we will be in good shape. Our theme this year is Returning to Our Traditions, and are doing our best to go in a new and better direction for FIHA, the POW-WOW, and the Community. Look forward to hearing from you. Also if you know of other vendors that were at our 2016 Powwow, please forward this on to them. I have contacted some of you recently who have already made your deposit, but many of you haven't. I would like to have all deposits in by Dec. 31, 2016, as I will be placing people on the setup map for inside. Eight new spaces

have been created in the arena area. They, at this point, will be available for the vendors of the 2016 event first. As I have stated above, if your deposit is not received by Dec. 31, 2016, I have been talking with other vendors who are interested in our event. I plan to have this accomplished by Dec. as there will be no last minute coming to the event. I realize that you all are running a business, as are we, and this is what the FIHA board has decided. Thank you for your cooperation.

Vendor Coordinator,

Rusty Cunha

## Treasurer Report

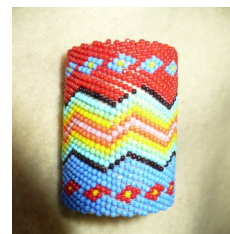
Hello from the treasurer, in the last couple months I have been busy updating budget allocations and getting spreadsheets ready for the upcoming powwow. We have

had minimal spending. The September Social lunch was provided at a cost of \$12.77 per person and the rental for the facility was \$50. Our current balance is

\$18365.49.

Have a great Holiday Season.

Sincerely,  
Tammi Krevitz



## 1st Vice President

As I sit here writing my article for this newsletter I think back to my first FIHA powwow. I was a young boy scout and it was an exciting weekend filled with a lot of great memories. It was the first time I was able to sleep in a tipi thanks to Wayne Glass. The weekend was filled with meeting great people who had a love for this culture I was learning about. As with boy scout back then my regalia consisted of a breechcloth, bells and moccasins. To say I was underdressed was an understatement! To my surprise a great many members of FIHA approached

me and within no time I had a shirt, leggings, turkey fan and a mess bustle. WOW to my surprise people were teaching me to dance better and helping me to fall in love with this new hobby. Back then FIHA was a Dancers Powwow where if you had the money you could buy a complete set of dance clothes including roach headdresses, bustles and beadwork. I was able to buy my first German silver spreader for my new regalia from Frank Ward. (who sold it for a quarter of the price as it was all the money I could afford). I was taught traditions and powwow

etiquette and a true love for a culture I was not born into, and there is nothing like being in the circle and hearing and feeling the drum. So please if you have not stepped into the circle please try it just ask some one at the powwow they will help you as I was helped. It is a feeling like no other.

Joseph Pierro  
1st Vice President



## 2nd Vice President

Hello from the 2nd VP in charge of advertising. In the last several months I have been busy gathering quotes from TV and radio advertisers for promoting our event. Currently the board is narrowing down the exact type and size of our advertising billboards; as well as, the exact areas we want to reach. We have been considering

branching out into Palm Beach County to gather more interest in that area. We are also considering some radio advertising in the tri-county areas around the powwow. Lastly, we have several hundred small yard signs from last year's powwow that we will repurpose for this year and use to advertise for those people who live closest to

the Fair Grounds. I wish everyone a happy Holiday Season.

Angela Schmitt

## 3rd Vice President

Over the course of the last few months I have been gathering quotes and estimates of that we will need to order the 2017 sashes and shawls for the upcoming pow wow. We will not be ordering new crowns as we will be using the 50th anniversary crowns. As of now, I have all necessary costs and estimates to gather materials; this also in-

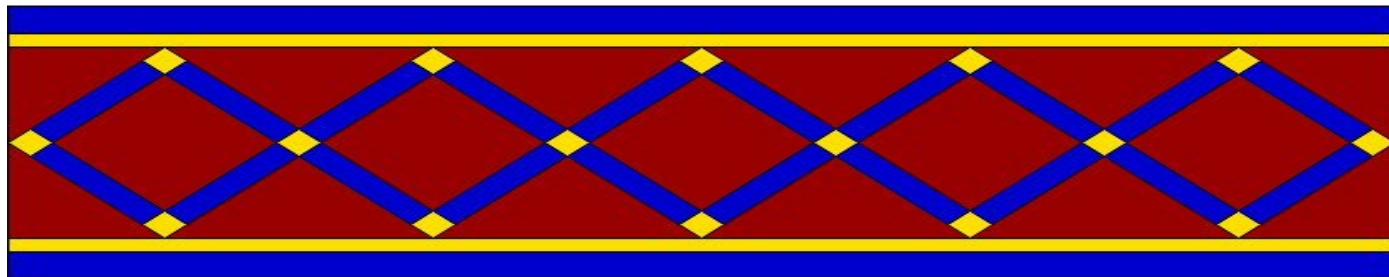
cludes gifts to the outgoing princess. I look forward to seeing everything completed for our princesses!

Savannah Krevitz  
3rd Vice President





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## Winter thoughts

While the stars  
are out  
And the sun  
Shines full  
in the winters sky  
Hospitality  
Is a small gift  
To give Freely  
To someone's heart  
like the Warmth  
Of a fire  
On a winter day

By Marvin Cunha

## Up coming powwows

Spirit of the Buffalo powwow  
Jan. 13-15, 2017

Seminole Tribal Fair and Powwow  
Feb 10-12 2017

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

If you know of a great  
powwow in Florida please  
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