TITLE VI 'KCHI-WEW-IS-UWEY'

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ELDERS FROM BOTH PLEASANT POINT AND INDIAN TOWNSHIP ENJOYED A FIELD TRIP ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10.

The day began for some of us at 7:00 a.m. by picking up people at Pleasant Point. The MITA bus promptly arrived at the Strip to pick up others at 8:00 a.m. The bus went merrily on its way up Route 6, which I might add, proved to be a very bumpy ride. By the time we arrived at Indian Island, at 10:45, everyone was ready to stretch their legs and have dinner. Afterall, many of the folks did have breakfast long before 7:00 a.m. that morning.

Many warm greetings, and even some hugs were exchanged between folks when we arrived at Indian Island. It's nice to see old friends again; maybe even old "flames". Oh well! Dinner consisted of that good old meal of dry fish and potatoes, and the trimmings were not spared!

AFTER DINNER EVERYONE BOARDED THE BUS, EAGER TO BEGIN THEIR SHOPPING. STOPS IN BANGOR WERE: THE AIRPORT MALL, BANGOR MALL AND K-MART. MOST EVERYONE NOTICED HOW EXPENSIVE, STORE BOUGHT GOODS ARE GETTING, SO SOME SHOPPED AROUND FOR THE BEST BUYS.

On the return trip home we stopped at Lincoln for Supper, and off we were again. There were alot of good feelings that day as songs were sung and the rosary was said on our way back. Evening had fallen as the elders got off the bus to go to their homes. Everyone was tired but left feeling good to have had an opportunity to see old friends and do some out of town shopping.

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THOSE WHO WENT ON THE FIELD TRIP WERE:

- 1. MARIA DANA
- 2. FRANCES NICHOLAS
- 3. MARY SOCOBY
- 4. SALLY STEVENS
- 5. GEORGE BAILEY
- 6. ADA FRANCIS
- 7. HELEN STANLEY

- 8. NANCY SOCTOMAH
- 9. SIMON GABRIEL
- 10. FRED TOMAH
- 11. MARY ELLEN SOCKABASON
- 12. LENA BROOKS
- 13. LILLIAN STEVENS
- 14. AELENE NICHOLAS

PICTURES TAKEN ON THE FIELD TRIP CAN BE SEEN AT YOUR TITLE VI OFFICE AFTER THEY'VE BEEN DEVELOPED!

FAREWELL TO A FRIEND - "SEE YOU AROUND"

Mary Ellen, the Indian Township Coordinator for Title VI, resigned from her position on April 14th. Although she has not gone far away, she is missed by the Title VI staff and the Indian Township elders, nevertheless.

It's always a pleasure to work with a person who loves people, and who has a hopeful and sunny disposition. Mary Ellen is that and alot more. Everyone will miss seeing your smiles at the Title VI Office and meal site. We wish you happiness in your job as the Bilingual Program Director.

LET'S WELCOME A NEW FACE

PHYLLIS LANK HAS JOINED THE TITLE VI PROGRAM. SHE REPLACED MARY ELLEN AS TITLE VI COORDINATOR BEGINNING APRIL 15th. While Mary Ellen was still on board, Phyllis spent a few days becoming familiar with our program and its activities.

I HOPE EVERYONE UNDER THE TITLE VI PROGRAM WILL MAKE HER FEEL WELCOME IN HER NEW JOB.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE

Your Title VI Program provides each of you with a free and voluntary opportunity to contribute to the cost of services. Please remember that privacy of each donation is kept and that these donations are used only to expand the services under Title VI.

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Those who desire to contribute money at Indian Township May do so by contacting Phyllis Lank at the meal site. Those who receive home delivered meals at Pleasant Point can give their contributions to Nancy Soctomah.

ADVISORY COUNCILS FOR THE TITLE VI PROGRAM

PLEASANT POINT HAS HAD A TITLE VI ADVISORY COUNCIL SINCE MARCH, 1981. THE ELECTED OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHAIRMAN - DAVID FRANCIS

VICE- CHAIRMAN - SIMON SOCTOMAH, AND TEMPORARY
ACTING SECRETARY - NANCY SOCTOMAH

THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE WILL BE FILLED AS SOON AS SOMEONE IS INTERESTED IN IT. THE ADVISORY COUNCIL AT PLEASANT POINT HAS APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MEMBERS AND MEETS ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

INDIAN TOWNSHIP TITLE VI PARTICIPANTS WILL BE HOLDING THEIR FIRST ADVISORY COUNCIL FORMATION MEETING ON APRIL 28th. At this meeting they will be learning more details about the Title VI Program, the duties and functions of an Advisory Council and will be electing officers.

BOTH TITLE VI ADVISORY COUNCILS WILL JOINTLY MEET ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THESE COUNCILS WILL BE TO ADVISE AND GUIDE THE TITLE VI DIRECTOR ON MATTERS CONCERNING OLDER INDIANS, ASSIST IN SOLVING PROBLEMS, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CREATE A COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF THE TITLE VI PROGRAM AND THE ELDERLY.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH CHRISTIAN DINNER CLUB

THE CHRISTIAN DINNER CLUB FIELD TRIP TO BRUNSWICK, MAINE IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2ND. THIS TRIP WILL BE OVERNIGHT. THOSE WHO WILL BE GOING, HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR THIS TRIP. WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME.

TOWNSHIP MEALS

TITLE VI MEALS WILL BE SERVED EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURS DAY AT THE INDIAN TOWNSHIP STRIP. MEALS BEGIN AT 11:30 A.M. AFTER MEALS ARE SET ASIDE FOR HOME DELIVERIES (AROUND 12:00 P.M.) LEFT-OVER MEALS ARE SOLD AT \$2:00 EACH. COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE URGED TO COME AND BUY A LEFTOVER MEAL. IT WOULD HELP US OUT ALOT!

BEANOS ARE STILL HELD EACH MONDAY AFTER THE TITLE VI MEAL.

ANYONE CAN PLAY, BUT THE ELDERLY ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED TO COME.

THERE ARE ALSO CARDS, CRIBBAGE BOARD, CHECKERS AND BOARD FOR THE FIDERS TO USE BEFORE AND AFTER THEIR MEALS.

HANDYMAN SERVICES - P.P. AND I.T.

HANDYMAN SERVICES ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY.

SPRING IS ONE OF THE BEST TIMES TO BEGIN YOU MINOR HOME REPAIRS, SO PLEASE CALL YOUR TITLE VI OFFICE TO GET YOUR REQUEST IN.

FUTURE FIELD TRIPS

IF YOU HAVE SOME GOOD IDEAS OF WHERE THE TITLE VI CREW CAN TAKE A SHORT DISTANCE FIELD TRIP THESE COMING MONTHS, PLEASE CALL NANCY. YOUR IDEAS MIGHT BE BETTER THAN MINE.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Ash, sweetgrass and beads are available to you at a low cost. If you are in need of these materials, call your Title VI office.

A LARGE NUMBER OF REQUESTS OF ASH HAVE BEEN FILLED FOR THE INDIAN TOWNSHIP ELDERS. REQUESTS AT PLEASANT POINT HAVE BEEN MINIMAL.

IF ANYONE, (PREFERABLY AN ELDER) IS INTERESTED IN TEACHING BASKET MAKING, I WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH YOU. PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO HOLD CLASSES FOR ANY INTERESTED PEOPLE. DETAILS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED, BUT THIS ACTIVITY WILL BEGIN IN (CONTINUED ON PAGE 5)

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THEIR MEETINGS WILL BE HELD EVERY SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

The members plan to ask for donations to help pay for a trip to Ste. Ann's in July. One donation has already been given in the amount of \$100:00 from Porky and Fudd. Many thanks to them for making their concern for elderly people more than just words.

PLEASE SEE ANY OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS IF YOU WISH TO DONATE.

TRIP TO STE. ANN'S

Those interested in going to Ste. Ann's on the Feast Day should call their Title VI offices to put their names on the List. At Pleasant Point, you should only call Nancy or Cyril at 2551, ext 254. Those interested in going, who live at Indian Township, must call Phyllis at 796-2301, ext.296.

DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL AND TIME HAVE NOT BEEN MADE AS OF YET. WE ARE ONLY TAKING NAMES TO FIND OUT HOW MANY ARE INTERESTED.

TITLE VI WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PAY FOR ALL THE EXPENSES. SO THOSE WHO WISH TO GO SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FIND THEIR OWN LODGING AND PAY FOR IT AS WELL AS ANY OTHER EXPENSES. TITLE VI WILL TRY TO MAKE THE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND COORDINATE THE TRIP.

CALL IN EARLY AS THERE WILL ONLY BE A SMALL , MODERATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO CAN PROBABLY BE SERVED.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ELDERS FROM BOTH RESERVATIONS WILL BE INTERVIEWED DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THOSE TO BE INTERVIEWED WILL BE CHOSEN AT RANDOM. RESULTS WILL BE USED TO UPDATE THE TITLE VI PROGRAM PLAN FOR THE SECOND YEAR.

THE JOINT PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBAL COUNCIL MET ON WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 29TH, TO DISCUSS AND FINALIZE PLANS CONCERNING THE ELDERLY
INTEREST FUNDS. A SUMMARY OF THEIR DECISIONS IS INCLUDED BELOW.

THE JOINT COUNCIL ACCEPTED A MOTION FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH THE MACHIAS SAVINGS BANK, OF CALAIS, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 30th, TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISSUING THE ELDERLY INTEREST FUNDS. THIS IS TO BE DONE WITHOUT DELAY. ALONG WITH THIS, THE TRANSFER OF THIS MONEY WILL BE MADE FROM BIA TO THE BANK AT THIS TIME.

THE MACHIAS SAVINGS BANK, CALAIS, WAS CONTACTED TO CLOSE OUT AN ELDERLY ACCOUNT WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY OPENED WITHOUT THE PROPER JOINT TRIBAL COUNCIL'S AUTHORIZATION. AT THE SAME TIME A NEW AUTHORIZED ACCOUNT WAS OPENED INTO WHICH THE INTEREST OF THE \$1,000,000 WILL BE DEPOSITED. CERTIFIED CHECKS WILL BE MAILED TO EACH ELIGIBLE ELDERLY IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$400.00 FOR THE FIRST QUARTER PAYMENT.

Another motion was made and accepted to accept the list of elderly which had been submitted to the Joint Tribal Council on April 13th, 1981, but with one addition for Indian Township and one deletion for Pleasant Point. If you are not included in this list and you feel you are eligible to receive these quarterly payments, you should bring your birth certificate and other documents that will prove you are Passamaquoddy and aged 60 or over to your Tribal Clerk.

THERE ARE SOME ELDERS WHO WILL NOT TURN 60 UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR. THESE PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE THEIR ENTITLEMENTS ONLY AFTER THEY TURN 60 AND WILL RECEIVE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE PAID IN THAT QUARTER. (FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU TURN 60 IN OCTOBER, YOU WILL NOT GET ANY MONEY UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER WHICH WILL COVER THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 1981 TO DECEMBER 31, 1981.) REMEMBER, PAYMENTS TO EACH ELDERLY WHO IS ELIGIBLE WILL BE MAILED EVERY THREE MONTHS (AT THE END OF A QUARTER) QUARTERS ARE: JANUARY TO MARCH; APRIL TO JUNE 30TH; JULY TO SEPTEMBER 30TH; OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 31ST.

YOU SHOULD BE RECEIVING YOU \$55 IN A MATTER OF DAYS (NO KIDDING!)