



Marin American Indian Alliance

In Honor of all Nations
P.O. Box 150565, San Rafael, CA 94915

Spring 2019

WORDS FROM THE PAST

The garden is rich with diversity – with plants of a hundred families in the space between the trees – with all the colors and fragrances. Basil, Mint, and Lavender – Great Spirit keep my remembrance pure. Raspberry, Apple, Rose – Great Spirit fill my heart with love. Dill, Anise, Tansy – Holy winds blow in me. Rhododendron, Zinnia, may my prayer be beautiful – may my remembrance O Great Spirit be as incense to thee in the sacred grove of eternity, as I smell and remember the ancient Forest of earth.

~ Chinook prayer

MAIA'S NEW WEBSITE – MARINNDN.ORG

The MAIA website is once again up and running. You can access the site at: marinamericanindianalliance.org or marinndn.org. There you can pick up current newsletters, view events, and get local native news! The website works on mobile devices as well. We would like to thank Mark Hayes of Mark Hayes Design and Jeffrey March for their expertise. Thank you for supporting the Alliance!

BOARD ELECTION

On February 10th, our annual Board Meeting was held. We are happy to announce that Sky Road Webb will remain as President, Jim Goss will remain as Vice President, Una Harding will remain our Treasurer, Valarie Welte will remain as Secretary, and Ben Benevides will remain as our Chairman. We also have Auxiliary Clan members who assist on various projects: Sally Sherlock, David Moller, Lea King, and our drum keeper Cayenne Woods. Thank you for being dedicated to our organization!

EARTH DAY 2019

Monday, April 22nd is Earth Day. Do something good for Mother Earth. Take your children with you! Help clean and restore local beaches and streams, pick up trash, plant an indigenous tree or plant flowers and plants that support bees and butterflies. Want to learn more? Visit [Earth Day.org](http://EarthDay.org). Your Mother is calling...

Read how the Navajo Nation is transitioning away from coal energy in Indian Country Today:
<https://newsmaven.io/indiancountrytoday/news/the-navajo-nation-s-transition-beyond-coal-starts-now-xGu5FYYqoUOzdLwcgGPhOA/>



SACHEEN: Breaking the silence

New film! We are very excited for Sacheen Littlefeather! She has a new documentary short beginning to make its way across the country called *SACHEEN: Breaking the silence*. Read more about it and get the schedule on the One Bowl Productions website: <https://www.onebowlproductions.com/new-page>.

GATHERING PRESENTATIONS

May 21st MAIA Gathering – Dr. Brad Jacobs

We are very excited to have Dr. Brad Jacobs join us for a presentation at our May Gathering on Tuesday, May 21st. Dr. Jacobs will be speaking on: "Grains, Dairy, Fats & Meats: What's Left On Your Plate?" The latest news reports on diet can make you wonder if there is anything healthy to eat other than a big plate of vegetables. Join Dr. Jacobs for an entertaining hour of dialogue during which he will weave through the chaos to provide you with what we know, and don't know, about the effects of sugar, animal protein, saturated fats, plant oils, alcohol, dairy, gluten, soy, and corn on your health.

Dr. Jacobs is an Integrative Medicine Doctor in Marin and knowledgeable in the areas of nutrition, healthy aging, resilience, brain fitness and more, and uses conventional medicine, functional medicine, acupuncture, herbal medicine, and lifestyle medicine including nutrition, fitness, and mind-body practices to optimize health and well-being. Please be certain to attend this important presentation!

If you would like to give a presentation at one of our meetings, please let us know by contacting us at marinindnuz@aol.com or mention it in person to Sally or Sky Road.

LONG WALKERS

The Long Walkers made their way through the San Francisco Bay Area, stopping at D-Q for several nights. Long Walkers march for five months (Feb-Jul) from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., to bring awareness about threats to tribal lands and water rights. Send blessings and think of them as they go on their journey. They are walking for all of us! Read about the history of the Long Walkers here: <https://nvdatabase.swarthmore.edu/content/native-americans-walk-san-francisco-washington-dc-us-civil-rights-1978>.

RED DRESSES AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Red dresses hang, flapping in the wind along the plaza surrounding the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. 35 of them—in different shapes, sizes and shades, memorializing murdered and missing indigenous women. In 2016, 5,712 American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls were reported missing, which is likely the tip of the iceberg. Read more about the exhibit at the Smithsonian Magazine: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com>, or on the home page of the Museum: <https://americanindian.si.edu/>.

NEWS FROM THE CIRCLE

Many of us are reading a new book titled *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee*, by David Treuer, Ojibwe. He writes: "I came to conceive of a book that would dismantle the tale of our demise by way of a new story. This book would focus on the untold story of the past 128 years, making visible the broader and deeper currents of Indian life that have too long been obscured." There is a good article about the book in The New York Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/20/books/review/david-treuer-heartbeat-wounded-knee.html>. Pick up the book today!

Email: marinindnuz@aol.com

Website: marinamericanindiancealliance.org

Phone: 415.342.2049

EVENTS – SPRING 2019

REMEMBER we do not meet in July! Enjoy the Powwows! Brush up on Powwow etiquette at Powwow.org:

<https://www.powwows.com/pow-wow-etiquette/>

April 6 - 40th Annual UC Berkeley Powwow, Lower Sproul Plaza 2465 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Grand Entry 12 Noon.

April 15 - **MARIN AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE** gathering, 9 Ross Valley Dr., San Rafael, United 1st Methodist Church, downstairs community room (Potluck). 7:00 PM-9:30 PM. Email marinindnuz@aol.com with questions.

April 18 - Marin Museum of the American Indian Teacher's Workshop. Museum of the American Indian, 2200 Novato Blvd., Novato. 4:00-6:00 PM. Call (415) 897-4064 with questions.

April 19 - 5th Annual UC Davis Indigenous Arts Market, UC Davis East-West Quad. 10 AM-5 PM.

April 19, 20 - 47th Annual UC Davis Powwow, UC Davis East-West Quad. Grand Entry 12 Noon.

April 27 - 44th Annual SFSU Powwow, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco. Gourd Dancing 11 AM, Grand Entry 12 Noon. Go to sfskins.org or call (415) 338-1929 with questions.

April 28 – Day Under the Oakes, Santa Rosa JC, 1501 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa. 10:00AM-4:00PM. Call Mary Sandberg (707) 522-2602 with questions.

May 3, 4, 5 - 32nd Annual Fresno State Powwow, O'Neill Park 5241 N. Maple Ave., Fresno. Grand Entry 6 PM Friday, 12 Noon and 6 PM Saturday and 12 Noon Sunday.

May 4 - First Annual Santa Clara University Powwow, Santa Clara University Mission Gardens. Grand Entry 12 Noon. Call (916) 742-8773 with questions.

May 10, 11, 12 - 48th Annual Stanford Powwow, Eucalyptus Grove at Galvez and Campus Drives. Grand Entry 7 PM Friday, 1 PM and 7 PM Saturday and 1 PM Sunday. Call 650-723-4078 with questions.

May 11-12 - 26th Annual Mariposa Powwow, Mariposa County Fairgrounds, 5007 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa. Saturday 10 AM to 10 PM and Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. Contact Pam Martinez-Darcy or Nancy Dondero (209) 966-3245 with questions.

May 21 - **MARIN AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE** gathering, 9 Ross Valley Dr., San Rafael, at United 1st Methodist Church, downstairs community room (Potluck). 7:00 PM-9:30 PM. Email marinindnuz@aol.com with questions.

May 25 & 26 - 6th Annual Chaw'se Day Spring Gathering, Chaw'se Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park. Go to JacksonCasino.com or contact Anya Wolin (209) 223-8731 with questions.

June 1, 2 - 37th Annual Yuba-Sutter Pow Wow, Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, Yuba City. Open Gourd Dancing starts both days at 11 AM. Call (530) 749-6196 with questions.

June 18 - **MARIN AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE** gathering, 9 Ross Valley Dr., San Rafael, at United 1st Methodist Church, downstairs community room (Potluck). 7:00 PM-9:30 PM. Email marinindnuz@aol.com with questions.

Please remember to verify dates, times and location for the above events, as they can change due to weather, funding, etc.

Email: marinindnuz@aol.com

Website: marinamericanindiancealliance.org

Phone: 415.342.2049