

# ELDERS NEWS

Delaware Tribe of Indians

June 2015

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide specialized information for the members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Elders Committee. This is a brief update on items from the Elders Committee Meeting held Monday, June 1.

## Evening Elders Trip

It was voted on to go on an evening trip to see the Tulsa Drillers play the Arkansas Travelers on Friday, June 19. The game starts at 7:05 pm and immediately following there will be a huge fireworks display. Transportation and tickets to the game will be provided by the Elders Committee. Any food, beverage, or souvenirs purchased will be the responsibility of each individual. The van will leave the Tribal Complex at 5:30 pm on the 19th and will return after the fireworks display. A sign-up sheet is in Forsythe Hall. If you wish to participate, please do so NO LATER than Wednesday, June 10.

## Maawehlahtiit (Gathering of our Relatives)

There is still time to sign up to attend the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohicans' gathering July 22-25, 2015. A final count needs to be turned in by the 15th of June so please sign up as soon as possible. This will be a trip to Wisconsin and include a six night trip. Final counts are necessary to determine expenses, meal counts, etc. If you need more information, please contact Assistant Chief Griffith.

## Changes in Elder Lunch Program

After discussions amongst the Elders, and also the Tribal Council and the Director of the Nutrition Program, it was decided to increase the price of "guest" lunches to \$5.00 each. This means that for 0-11 years of age the meals are free. From 12 - 54 years of age a charge of \$5.00 will be required. Those 55+ who are Native American or the spouse/widow/widower of a Native American eat free. A non-Native over 55, who is not married to a Native American will be required to pay \$5.00. This will become effective July 1, 2015.

Beginning Monday, June 8, the order of service will be done by age groups. All of those over 80 years old will be allowed to go through the serving line first, followed by the 70+ age people, then the 55+ group. After that the line is open to all individuals under the age of 55. Spouses of those in an older group may go through the line with their husband/wife.

Additionally, it has been decided that beginning Monday, June 8, 2015 the salad bar will not be open until AFTER the blessing. After the prayer, individuals may then line

*"When you are in  
doubt, be still, and  
wait;*

*When doubt no  
longer exists for you  
then go forward with  
courage.*

*So long as mists  
envelop you, be still;*

*Be still until the  
sunlight pours  
through and dispels  
the mists*

*-As it surely will.*

*Then act with  
courage."*

*- Ponca Chief White Eagle*

