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organization
dedicated to
preserving
our Dakota
heritage.**

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**Voting Membership Meeting
Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 PM**

Note date & time

Our monthly meeting will be the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend! Our Constitution requires that we have a minimum of 15 members attending to conduct any business. We really need to support our community to make it work. We are in the process of deciding whether we should move the meetings back to Sunday afternoon with a feast and socializing afterward. Please watch for a date change for April or May. Thank you!

Dues

We are not receiving dues from a lot of members, please check to see if you have made your payment. We need to make rent every month! If you cannot pay your dues, you need to call and make arrangements to come in and volunteer time, we can work with you! We also accept donations to the community, which also would help greatly.

Newsletters

We have been busy in the office going through files and getting our address book cleaned up. We had a few glitches with the email and I am hoping we are all set. Some of the emails I am sending out are bouncing back to me. I am going to be calling those that come back to see if you have a block on your computer. The email address I send it out from will be the MMDC one which is kang42159@aol.com or mine at home which is cwgal@direcway.com. Please check to see if that is the case. The newsletter was posted on our site behind schedule this month, so every one got a late email this time. You can always check updates and the newsletter online at our website: www.mendotadakota.org.

Pow-wow dates announced!

Our community's 7th annual welcome home pow-wow dates will be August 12-13, 2006 at St. Peters Catholic Church (1404 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Heights, Mn.)

Emcee: Mitch Walking Elk

Arena Director: Windy Down Wind

Spiritual Advisor: TBA

Head Dancers: Wally Ripplinger and Beverly Scott

Host Drum: Kangi Cikala

Co Host: Thunder Nation

There will be more information coming soon. If you would like to vend, we have vendor forms you need to fill out. Please contact MMDC with any questions. We will be forming a Pow-wow committee this spring, let us know if you can help! Pidamayaye!

Dakota Womens Society

If you would like to know more about the Dakota Women's Society, please call Barb at 651-999-6000.

Shakopee Donates Defibrillator

We have just been informed that SMSC (Shakopee MdeWakanton Sioux Community) will be donating a defibrillator to our community!! The first ten people to sign up for training are free. Anyone after the first 10 will be welcome to attend for a fee of \$55.00 per person. This training will give you certification for two years. Please call the office if you are interested.

**From the
Chairman**

Hau Mitakuyepi:

Thank you to everyone who came to our first movie night on Saturday,

March 4! We didn't have a huge turnout, but are hoping to see more of you at the next one. Saturday, March 11 will be our next movie night at 7pm. The movie is titled Clearcut and stars Graham Green. It is an excellent movie, "one of the first best examples of Indian film making" please come watch it with us! We have snacks for sale to enjoy with the show! The March 18th show is titled "Skins" also starring Graham Green with Eric Schweig. March 25th show will be "Smoke Signals" with Adam Beach and Gary Farmer. This is a Sundance Film Festival winner based on short stories by Sherman Alexie.

Also, Darlene Jackson (a traditional elder, and a great friend to the community) has agreed to come to the center and talk with us about our traditional ways. This will take place in April and will be the first of a series of talks about our traditions by traditional elders.. We will line up other speakers for future dates. Darlene will speak about a Wipe Down ceremony. ~~Darlene has recently moved and is very busy. While writing the newsletter I tried to reach her, but I believe she is busy unpacking. If you would like to attend, please call the office mid-March and we should have a date set by then. Thank you.~~ The date will be April 1st at noon, for women only. If you want to learn about the Inipi (Sweet lodge), please join us. Bring a dish to pass for after. Pidami-gwich! . Kangl Cistana (Michael Scott) DAKOTA OHINNI UN (ALWAYS BE DAKOTA)

Help Your Community!

Volunteers needed!!

We are still looking for volunteers to come down and help with anything. We have lots of janitorial type things to get done on a continual basis. We also have paperwork to go through and there are lots of items Sharon has gotten together to be put into a scrapbook. Just come on in and ask. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. That is how things get done.

Help us save on postage!


We spend about \$80 each month on postage for the newsletter. You can help us save money simply by getting your newsletter through email. Send an email to the office kangl42159@aol.com stating that you prefer to get your newsletter electronically. Several members have already done this. Thank you !

Book Release

Listen: The Story of the People at Taku Wakan Tipi and the Reroute of Highway 55 *or* The Minnehaha Free State. Elli King has written a book about the Highway 55 reroute and what happened there during all those months and will have a book release on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at Walker Church (31st St. and 16th Ave. S.) Doors open at 4:00 and books will be available for sale. There will be artist and photographer exhibits and

refreshments. 6:00 Thunder Nation Drum Group will perform, and 6:30-9:00 will be a Cabaret of selected readings and performing musicians.

Voting Membership Meeting



FEBRUARY 28, 2005 MINUTES

A copy of the minutes is available in the office for your viewing pleasure at any time. . Our January minutes will be posted in the next newsletter.

Positions Available Now!

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Scholarship Committee: Members will determine guidelines, including the application and disbursement process. Meeting times and dates are flexible. Contact Vickie Scott at 763-422-4865.

Craft Classes: Share your crafting skills with those who want to learn! Contact Michael Scott at 651-452-4141 to schedule. If you decide to teach a class, you will be compensated for sharing your time and skills. Joan Minske is still coming in on Tuesdays to bead with anyone that wants to come and work on a project, or to learn some beading techniques. All ages welcome, beginners to advanced. Even if you already know how to bead, it would be a fun evening out to work on a project and socialize a little bit.

Secretary: The position for secretary has been filled by Victoria Scott pending an election.

Membership Committee Beverly Scott and Ann Lauer are the membership committee at present time. They would love some help. Meeting times and dates are flexible, whatever works best for everyone. Please contact the office if you can help.!

Thank you to our volunteers!! We appreciate all the help our volunteers do for us! Thank you Thank you Thank you!

Dakota Culture Classes

Learn About the Dakota Culture
by Jim Anderson

Mark your calendars for the last Wednesday each month. Jim Anderson, our Historian, will share his knowledge about our Dakota heritage and ceremonies. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about this beautiful life way. Bring your


families, kids are our future!
Pidamiya ye do

Friends of the Friendlies

Mendota Dakota Oápaye
by Linda Rost and Diane Elliot

We are establishing a Society in conjunction with the Tribe to assist in the efforts to preserve the culture. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Society and helping us build our community, please contact us.

Here is the email address: hecetu1@yahoo.com
 Linda Rost 612-825-1079 (leave a message) or Diane Elliott at 651-457-0312.



Gaming Corner

Charitable Gaming Minutes February 28, 2006 Meeting

Called to order by Michael Scott, Tribal Chairman. Kiki Marsh presented the January 2006 report. It was approved. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Allowable Expenses (actual & estimated) were presented and approved. Lawful Purpose Expenditures were discussed and approved.

Agenda for next Gaming Meeting

Call to order	Lawful purpose expenditures
Present monthly report	Open Forum
Allowable expenditures	Adjourn

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MITAKUYE! (MY RELATIVES)

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NATIVE AA MEETING?

THE MENDOTA MDEWAKANTON DAKOTA COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS BEGINNING AT 7:00 p.m.

WE ARE LOCATED AT: 1351 SIBLEY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, MENDOTA, MINNESOTA, AND ARE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED TO BOTH ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM MINNEAPOLIS: Starting on Highway 55 East, go to Highway 110 East. Follow Highway 110 for .3 miles. Turn Left onto Highway 13 North. Highway 13 is Sibley Memorial Highway. Follow this for .8 and look for the "Dakota Crossing" sign on the left.

FROM ST. PAUL: Starting on Highway 35E South, go to the MN 13/Sibley Hwy Exit (Exit 102). Turn right onto Sibley Memorial Hwy/MN 13/CR-45. Continue to follow Sibley Memorial Hwy/MN 13 for 1.6 miles and look for the "Dakota Crossing" sign on the right.

If you need further directions, or have any other questions, please feel free to call the MMDC office at 651.452.4141 Monday thru Friday 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PIDAMAYA AND MIGWETCH!