



# Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Community News

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***We are a  
non-profit  
organization  
dedicated to  
preserving  
our Dakota  
heritage.***

**Voting Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

## Note date & time

Our monthly meeting will be the last Tuesday 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.

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## Sacred inipi ceremony on Pike Island

Due to the huge interest in the inipi (sweat lodge) our next culture class Wednesday, October 26, will be at Pike Island. Several members and friends of the community participated in the construction of an inipi in September on the anniversary of the Pike treaty. We had a great sweat with Vernon Foster leading us. It was quite a powerful and meaningful ceremony. The inipi frame is still up so all we need to do is finish it. Anyone that would like to participate is welcome, bring your whole family. If anyone wishes to not go in, they may sit around the fire to support the people who do go in. To participate, please bring a towel. Men should wear cotton shorts. Women should wear a long skirt and t-shirt, no jewelry. Please bring a dish for the traditional feast after the ceremony, which will be held at the Mendota office. The sweat will start at 8pm. you may go to Pike Island starting at 6pm, Jim Anderson will be there at that time. Anyone who doesn't know how to get there can call for directions or meet at the office and we can follow each other down there.

**HAU MITAKUYEPI from the Chairman:**

It may seem early to be thinking of the holiday season but it is just around the corner. We are taking donations for the Leonard Peltier Christmas Drive. If you would like to make a donation, please bring clean, gently used or new clothing. Jackets, hats, mittens are especially needed. If you would like to donate toys, those do need to be new and unwrapped. The deadline for donations is Sunday December 11. Mark the date on your calendar as this will also be the date of our annual holiday party. I hope to see many of you members and friends here that evening. Please bring a dish to share for the feast..

Pidami-gwich! . *Kangi Cistana (Michael Scott)* DAKOTA OHINNI UN (ALWAYS BE DAKOTA)

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Wokiksuye Wotapi

**" Remembrance Feast"**

*Memorial Ceremonial Feast*

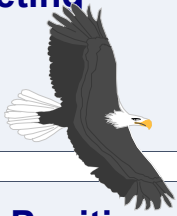
*Date- Saturday Nov 12, 2005 @ 11:30am - 4:00pm*

*Place- Lower Sioux Community Center*

*Morton, Minnesota*

*For more information – call MMDC @ 651-452-4141*

## Voting Membership Meeting



## SEPTEMBER 27, 2005 MINUTES

A copy of the minutes is available in the office for your viewing pleasure at any time.

## Positions Available Now!

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**Scholarship Committee:** Members will determine guidelines, including the application and disbursement process. 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. Up coming beading class, the date to be set later! So keep in touch. This is exciting to be able to learn the finesse of beading, in keeping with our traditions...

## Newsletter articles

### Secretary:

You can submit an article by faxing it to the Newsletter Editor at the MMDC office: 651-452-4232

Emailing it to:  
[Renee Johnson](#)

Or mailing it to the MMDC office.

The position is still open for secretary. Duties involve working with the Tribal Council to create an agenda for the weekly Tribal Council meetings and the monthly Voting Membership meetings. Also included would be the responsibility of taking and typing the minutes for these meetings, presenting them to the Tribal Council weekly, and to the newsletter editor monthly (for inclusion in the newsletter). Time commitment is about 2 hours a week. Interested parties please submit a letter of intent to the Election Committee at the office as quickly as possible.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dakota Culture Classes</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Learn About the Dakota Culture</b> <i>by Jim Anderson</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Pidamiya ye do</i></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friends of the Friendlies</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mendota Dakota Oápaye</b> <i>by Linda Rost and Diane Elliot</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Here is the email address:</b> <a href="mailto:hecetu1@yahoo.com">hecetu1@yahoo.com</a> Linda Rost 612-825-1079 (leave a message) or Diane Elliott at 651-457-0312.</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Charitable Gaming Minutes September 2005 Meeting</b></p> <p>Called to order by Michael Scott, Tribal Chairman. Kiki Marsh presented the August 2005 report. It was approved. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Allowable Expenses (actual &amp; estimated) were presented and approved. Lawful Purpose Expenditures were discussed and approved.</p> <p><b>Agenda for next Gaming Meeting</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Call to order</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Lawful purpose expenditures</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Present monthly report</td> <td>Open Forum</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allowable expenditures</td> <td>Adjourn</td> </tr> </table> <p><a href="#">Back to top</a></p>	Call to order	Lawful purpose expenditures	Present monthly report	Open Forum	Allowable expenditures	Adjourn
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