

# Hopi Tumalhoymuy Tutuveniam



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## HOPI TRIBE FILES CIVIL ACTION TO BLOCK SNOWMAKING WITH RECLAIMED WASTEWATER

(Washington, D.C.) On November 14<sup>th</sup> the Hopi Tribe filed a civil action against the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service in order to block the use of manmade snow derived from reclaimed wastewater on the environmentally sensitive area of the San Francisco Peaks in Northern Arizona, a sacred site for the Hopi and other American Indian tribes. This action is prompted by the Arizona Snowbowl Ski Resort's current plans to make and apply manmade snow using reclaimed wastewater this season. The Forest Service has not issued an order to stop the proposed snowmaking from going forward despite the fact that formal consultation is ongoing with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act. Formal consultation was re-engaged to evaluate the impacts of the reclaimed wastewater on the endangered San Francisco Peaks groundsel, a federally protected alpine plant which exists only in the unique ecosystem of the San Francisco Peaks. Snowmaking with wastewater will have a direct impact on the threatened San Francisco Peaks groundsel and its critical habitat, a species already at risk of extinction. "We are disappointed to have to file a lawsuit just to allow the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, American Indian Tribes, and other interested parties full and meaningful consultation on this important issue, but the Forest Service has left us no choice" said Hopi Tribal Chairman Leroy N. Shingoitewa. "We are hopeful that the Obama Administration will correct this bad decision to allow snowmaking with reclaimed wastewater based on the new information submitted by the Hopi Tribe and all the other factors weighing against it" said Hopi General Counsel Robert J. Lyttle.

The Hopi Tribe is seeking to require the Forest Service to stop snowmaking with reclaimed wastewater at least until the ongoing consultation has been completed.

The Hopi Tribe has requested that the Obama Administration reconsider the decision - made during the previous Bush Administration - to allow snowmaking with reclaimed water at Snowbowl.



Forest Service

Forest Service Packera franciscana, or San Francisco Peaks groundsel, grows only in the alpine tundra of the Coconino National Forest in Arizona.



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## From the Desk of the Chairman



Lolma Hopi-Tewa Employees,

As the year winds down, it's a good time to reflect on this year's achievements and accomplishments with your respective programs. The Tribal government has accomplished a great deal and we should all be proud of the work accomplished. We must also look at the challenges we faced and determine how to better address these issues or how to work to eliminate them so that each program runs efficiently and effectively.

I would like to take this time to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone for your dedication, commitment and service to the Hopi-Tewa people.

As we move into 2013, let's continue to move forward with the projects, goals and tasks with group dedication and strength of mind so we may continue to work toward success.

I wish you and your families a happy and safe Holiday season and a very happy new year.

Kwa kwai,

Chairman Shingoitewa

## From the Desk of the Vice Chairman



- On November 28, 2012, the Budget Oversight Team (BOT) will review, finalize and approve the 2013 Appropriations prior to submission to Council. In addition the BOT will review/approve a Continuing Resolution 2013 document in the event the Council comes to an impasse in finalizing the 2013 Budget.

- Ms. Shirley Wesaw, Finance Director, entered on duty November 19, 2012. Ms Wesaw has worked with Northern Plains Tribes for eight years. She brings to the tribe a wealth of accounting, information technology (IT) and audit experience. She had formerly worked at the Winslow Health



Clinic. Ms. Wesaw is a member of the Dilcon community.

- On November 9, I attended the Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) Conference at Camp Verde. Discussion was on number of cases; locations of cases; and medical treatment of RMSF.
- On November 8, I attended the annual Indian Health Service Conference in Phoenix. Discussion was 2015 IHS budget; Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- My staffer attended the Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT) meeting to go over future HERT training for tribal employees.

## Office of the Vice Chairman cont...

- I attended Department of Community Health Service (DCHS) meeting in Flagstaff on November 15. Meeting included progress of the DCHS programs and future DCHS goals and objectives. I also participated in the DCHS employee appreciation session.
- On November 19, Department of Education, the Hopi Junior Senior High School, offices of the Chairman and Vice Chairman discuss educational issues, topics and matters of concern relative to education for our Hopi youth. It was a very productive meeting.
- I plan on attending a Tribal leadership Conference in Washington DC on December 5 and on December 6, I plan on meeting with Lobbyist and interested parties on Hopi Detention planning efforts. I will return to my office Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Executive Schedule

|  <b>December 2012</b>  |   |   |     |     |
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| 3)  | 4)  | 5)  | 6)  | 7)  |
| 10) Hopi Tribal Council<br>Council Chambers   | 11) Hopi Tribal Council<br>Council Chambers                   | 12) Hopi Tribal Council<br>Council Chambers | 13) | 14) |
| 17) Transportation Task<br>Team Mtg.<br>Council Chambers  | 18) Transportation Task<br>Team Mtg.<br>Council Cham-<br>bers | 19) Land Team Mtg.                          | 20) | 21) |
| 24)   | 25) <b>Christmas<br/>Holiday</b>                              | 26)   | 27) | 28) |

**Please Note:** Executive schedule is subject to change on short notice. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the Chairman, please contact Nicole Honanie, Executive Assistant at (928) 734-3102 for availability. Thank You.

## Hopi Junior High Junior National Honor Society Recognized on National Philanthropy Day

Submitted by Sam Tenakhongva

Photo Credits: Jim Anderson, GoalBusters 2012



On November 15, 2012 across the nation, various chapters of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) celebrated National Philanthropy Day. This special day is set aside to recognize and pay tribute to the great contributions that philanthropy—and those people active in the philanthropic community—have made to our lives, our communities and our world.



2012 Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Honorees  
HJHS - National Jr. Honor Society with HJHS Principal  
Albert Singuah, Board Member Valerie Kooyaquaptewa,  
Sponsor Rita Keith, Journalism Teacher Stan Bindell

As part of the national celebration, the AFP Northern Arizona Chapter recognized individuals, businesses and groups as 2012 National Philanthropy Day Honorees for their work, commitment and service to philanthropic efforts in their communities. This included the Hopi Junior High School - National Junior Honor Society (HJHNJHS), who were awarded the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy - Group Achievement award for their contributions and support of a community non-profit, the Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF). Nominated by the HEEF for the award, HEEF Executive Director LuAnn Leonard shared. "Each year, following their year-round fundraising efforts, the HJHNJHS students choose a program or charity to support and the HEEF has been fortunate to have been the recipient of \$1,500 since 2010. They know their donation not only helps other Hopi students achieve their educational goals but they also see it as an investment in their own educational futures, as they or future family members may be a recipient of a future scholarship." Leonard added, "Through their contribution, they are demonstrating scholarship, character, service, citizenship and leadership within our Hopi community."

HJHNJHS Sponsor Rita Keith thanked the chapter for selecting the group for the award and also the HEEF for the nomination. She shared, "when the members were deciding to donate to a worthy cause, they wanted to make their donation local in order to help someone on their own community. Their contribution reinforces the principles of the NJHS." 2010-11 HJHNJS President Lexie James shared, "We saw this as a chance for others to get an education. As we made our yearly donation we were giving someone the chance to go further in life as well as putting money towards our own future." Crystal Jenkins also a past president from 2009-10 said, "On behalf of the group, we would like to thank you for the great honor of this award. It has inspired each of us to go out and to find ways after we graduate to give to others and to make it a natural part of our lives."



Past NJHS Members

As the HEEF celebrated its 12th anniversary on November 20, the organization would like to thank all those who have supported the organization over the years, with Leonard sharing, "these students are setting a great example of giving back and we hope others join them in their efforts of supporting the HEEF." She also added the HEEF would also like to recognize the other honorees which included: Rising Star - Stephen Whisenhunt, Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy - Individual Kaileigh Koons, Outstanding Business/Corporation El Gato Azul, Barry Barbe, Outstanding Nonprofit Organization - Prescott Noon Lion's Club, Outstanding Volunteer - Chip Norton and Outstanding Philanthropist - Perry and Sandy Massie.

The HEEF is a Hopi Tribal government non-profit program qualified under section 7871 (a) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. All contributions to the HEEF are tax deductible. For more information contact the HEEF at [heef@hopieducationfund.org](mailto:heef@hopieducationfund.org), 928-734-2275 or visit [www.hopieducationfund.org](http://www.hopieducationfund.org)



# IRONMAN Arizona - Caroline Sekaquaptewa



Submitted by Caroline Sekaquaptewa  
Patkiwungwa, Sipaulovi Village



On November 18, 2012, just before 7:00 a.m., I jumped into Tempe Town Lake and thought, "What the heck am I doing??" I was about to start a very long day: 2.4 miles of swimming, 112 miles of biking, and 26.2 miles of running. I was prepared physically, mentally I am pretty tough, but I still was very scared at this moment. As I waited for the start, treading water and listening to the national anthem, I thought about my family and was calmed. I began to smile and take in everything around me: the mass of swimmers in wetsuits, the people cheering, the excitement of actually being here, then came the BOOM of the cannon...and I began swimming.



I continued to smile as my brother and Mowi were there to help me transition from the swim to the bike ride. I rode, rode and rode... At times I felt like the ride would never end, then I would see friends or my family on the course waving at me or yelling "Nahongvita!!" and my smile would return. Many thoughts filled my mind. I thought of home, I thought of people who needed strength going through hard times, I thought of "lolma-qatsi", and how we are blessed in life. There was a time during this ride where

things were not nice and I was challenged, I had to talk to myself to keep pushing. Thankfully, I got through that and finished up the ride.

The run was what I looked forward to all day. Yes, it is a marathon, and yes, this distance itself will wipe me out on any day. However, going into the run, I told myself, "This is what you are, you are a runner, and Hopis run!" Most of the run I smiled, partly because I was almost finished and partly because I was just so proud to be out there representing our tribe. I had my tri suit on, which said "Hohongvit" and a raincloud, my clan symbol, on the front and back, this really defined who I am. During the run, someone asked me if I was Hopi, I responded proudly, "YES I am!" There came a point in the run where everything hurt and I told my brother, "I will just have to run like this." Knowing and accepting that difficult point will come, and having a plan prepared to deal with it got me through the hard part of the run. Soon I was running up the finish line chute, my daughter met me and my niece met me for a while. As I crossed the finish line, I was overwhelmed with pride as they announced my name and the Hopi Tribe. I finished smiling, the way I started the day.



I know that I cannot accomplish anything alone. I pray, because I have learned that you always have to have that strength. After the race, I was amazed to see all the support from the Hopi and Native communities, it brought tears to my eyes to read all your encouraging messages, to see what you were saying all day and to see that many of you even stayed up late to watch the finish online. I am so grateful for your support! I thank you and I appreciate it all from the bottom of my heart. To my family and friends who were there all day from 6 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. cheering, you made me so happy and I know that you helped many of the others out on race day! I love you all! I have also been so blessed to have sponsors; I thank Moencopi Development Corporation, The Hopi Foundation, Bucky Preston and Mr. Pete Mitchell for their support.



I hope my experience with the Arizona Ironman has motivated someone to set a goal. I know life is hard and it can be overwhelming but if something is important to you, you will make time for it. I hope you find the time to chase your dreams! Askwali.

Photos courtesy of Paul Martinez

# History of Christmas

Christmas is the [celebration](#) of the birth of Jesus Christ noted on December 25. Today, in America it is also considered a celebration of mid-winter, a tradition we inherit from our ancestors as they honored their winter solstice long ago. The story of the birth of Christ can be found in the Bible in Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2. Most people don't realize that the church did not even honor any type of festivity for the event until the 4th century. The Romans celebrated the Festival of Saturnalia in December, honoring Saturn and their winter solstice.

The Christian Emperor, Constantine established Christmas in 340 AD and decided December 25 to be the most likely time for the birth of Christ. The Germanic tribes of Europe also held a celebration of feasting to honor mid-winter. In the 4th century, Nicholas, a bishop in Turkey came to be known as St. Nicholas for his kind deeds to the needy and enslaved.

Centuries later, the Puritans in England and in New England tried to do away with Christmas altogether but they had little success. In 1856 Christmas was made a legal holiday in Massachusetts. Up until that time, it was not likely that you would have a few days off from work at Christmas.



## Santa Claus:

Who is Santa Claus? He's been described, as a mythological character that brings presents to [good children](#) on the night of [Christmas Eve](#). America's Santa Claus came from the European

traditions regarding St. Nicholas. The Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam brought the idea of Santa to American. The brave act that Santa performs by climbing down the chimney all comes from the Dutch. Their tradition even tells that if you're naughty, he'll leave a switch instead of toys.

His bright red suit trimmed with white fur originated from the cape of St. Nichols. During the 19th century Santa begin to be quite popular and made appearances in the stories of Washington Irving. In

1822 Clement Moore wrote "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" inspiring Thomas Nast to draw the famous cartoon of Santa published in Harper's Weekly. The English knew Santa as Father Christmas and the Germans knew him as Kris Kringle.

In 1809 Irving wrote a story which resulted in changing the traditional Dutch custom. On December 14, St. Nicholas [Eve](#), the Dutch would leave shoes out for St. Nicholas but Irving's story had the [children](#) leave stockings hanging out instead. At that time children believed Santa traveled by wagon with the assistance of a magic white horse. But in 1821, Irving's book, "The Children's Friend" had Santa traveling by [sleigh](#) pulled by reindeer.

## Decorations and customs:

When the ancient Romans celebrated their winter solstice in honor of the god Saturn, they exchanged decorative [wreaths](#) and garlands made from evergreens. The early English also made decorated wreaths but placed them inside their homes to keep away evil spirits.

The custom of decorating a tree comes from Germany. Prince Albert of Germany, the husband of Queen Victoria, set up a splendid tree in Windsor Castle. He had servants trim the tree with candies, sugared fruits and tiny wrapped gifts. This began the Victorians love of Christmas decorating.

The idea of [gift giving](#) goes all the way back to the Christ child when the Three Wise Men entered the stable and lay gifts before the precious child. Down through the ages mankind has enjoyed giving at Christmas time, whether it is a personal gift or spiritual.



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# Hopi Senom Transit Program

THE HOPI TRIBE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HOPI SENOM TRANSIT

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the **Hopi Senom Transit program** staff at the **Hopi Tribal Headquarters, Risk Management Conference Room, 1 Main Street, Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039, at 9:00AM (MST) on December 5, 2012** for the purpose of considering a project for which financial assistance is being sought from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Grant funds will be used to enhance public transportation services by proposing for administrative, operations and capital needs.

At the hearing, Hopi Senom Transit will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the project. Interested persons may submit oral or written evidence and recommendations with respect to said project.

A copy of the grant proposal is currently available for public inspection at the Hopi Senom Transit Office.



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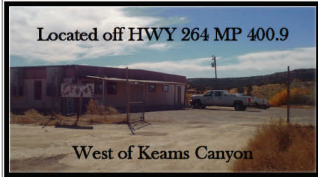
Judy Polingymptewa, Transit Administrator



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- Flea/Tick products & Mange treatment
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\*Please contact our office for inquiries on all other services and pricing

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Contact information:  
The Hopi Veterinary Service  
Po Box 440  
Polacca AZ 86042  
Phone: (928) 738-5251  
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## Holiday Book & Toy Drive

MAKE WISHES COME TRUE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Donate a new, unwrapped TOY and/or a BOOK for a child ages Birth to 4 years old through December 13, 2012

Items collected will be given to children with disabilities in our Hopi community

Drop off locations are: Hopi WIC Office-Hopi Health Care Center  
Office of Special Needs-Hopi Tribe



To make a donation or for more information please contact the Hopi Office of Special Needs at 928.734.3412



**Christmas Day**  
**December 25, 2012**

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Thank you to all the departments who submitted their updates and stories. The next deadline for submission is on December 21, 2012. You may email submissions to [LDyer@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:LDyer@hopi.nsn.us).

~A merry Chirstmas to everybody! A happy New Year to all the world!~ -Charles Dickens