NOTICE RE: APRIL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The candidate statements beginning on page 10 are printed exactly as submitted by the Shinnecock Indian Nation Election Committee.

On tribal elections, exercise your rights as members of an ancient and always sovereign Indian Nation:

GET OUT AND VOTE!

On March 7th, the founding of Southampton and Southold was commemorated at the Southampton First Presbyterian Church. Tribute was paid to the Shinnecock as the settlers at Southampton were not only greeted by Shinnecock Indians (to which the Southampton Village seal attests), but the Tribal people “walked” the English newcomers from Conscience Point where the boat docked in North Sea to an “Olde Towne” site on what is now South Main Street. The Shinnecock, in the name of human kindness, also helped the settlers survive through that first cold winter.

Shinnecock Pastor The Rev. Michael Smith, said during the benediction, that we (the Shinnecock) only did what was expected of us by a higher power.

Elder Haile said, the Shinnecock and the townsfolk, together, yet forever separate.

Other Shinnecock participants included Marion Phillips, who sings with the Presbyterian Church Chancel Ensemble of Southampton, and Elisia Smith Ivey, a member of the Southampton High School Young Adult Choir.

Among the 375th Anniversary events scheduled by the Southampton Historical Museum is a recreation on June 14th, 2015, of the 1640 Historic Walk from Conscience Point Road, North Sea to Wickapogue and Olde Towne Roads.

Other Anniversary events will include:

- A tour of 12 houses of worship
- A tour of Southampton’s first settlement
- A rededication of the Conscience Point Monument
- A 375 Southampton Birthday celebration

The Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center and Museum is scheduled to participate in the Conscience Point rededication.
Greetings Tribal Family,

The first term of the Council of Trustees was a term of progress for the Shinnecock Indian Nation. By working with the General Council, the Council of Trustees put numerous pieces of important legislation through the legislative process.

The Council pursued several different economic ventures, oversaw the construction of new office buildings, helped finish the early day care center, expanded public safety by facilitating the donation of 4 new outfitted public safety vehicles, and purchased a new dump truck and snow plow equipment.

Although there is a lot of unfinished business, the Council has made a big dent in the items that the Nation felt most important. From structuring a Section 17 Corporation to greatly expanding the Nation’s financial accountability, the Trustees have worked tirelessly to move the Nation forward.

We would like to thank all the Committees, General Council members, volunteers, and outside agencies for all their hard work and dedication on behalf of the Shinnecock Indian Nation. The Council of Trustees truly appreciates all of their efforts and looks forward to a productive and prosperous 2015.

Council of Trustees
Daniel Collins, Sr., Chairman
Brad Smith, Sr., Vice Chairman
D. Taobi Silva, Treasurer
Bryan Polite, Trustee Council Secretary
Nichol Dennis-Banks, General Council Secretary
Eugene E. Cuffee II, Sachem
Lucille Bosley, Sunksqua

Mamoweenene (We move together.)
Fellow Tribal Members,

In December of 2014 the COT authorized a vote (after going through the legislative process) on a Constitutional amendment and amendments to the Election Ordinance to allow for staggered terms of the Council of Trustees. The vote was scheduled by the Election Committee to take place on January 31st, 2015, but due to weather and other circumstances the vote was postponed. The COT has re-authorized the Election Committee to move forward with the vote and place it on the ballot in the upcoming Council of Trustees election.

The Constitutional amendment would change the language in Article X Section 2, Paragraph a) “All tribal elections occurring for the Officers of the Council of Trustees shall be held on the first Tuesday in April on a biennial basis.” The amendment would change the word biennial to annual. This amendment would require the Nation to have elections every year.

The amendment to the election ordinance would allow for staggered terms. The amendment would add the following section to the ordinance: “Section 4. Staggered Terms “Officers of the Council of Trustees shall serve 2 year staggered terms. Three seats shall become vacant one year, and four seats shall become vacant the following year.”

After the vote the Nation will be presented with options to determine which Trustees will serve the initial one and two year term.

These proposals will ensure continuity in our government and at the same time allow the Nation to hold elections every year. We ask all voting Tribal members to review the amendment proposals and come out and vote on April 7th, 2015.

Tabutne,
Council of Trustees

Staggered Term Proposal

Constitutional Amendment:

Article X Section 2, Paragraph a) “All tribal elections occurring for the Officers of the Council of Trustees shall be held on the first Tuesday in April on an annual basis.”

Election Ordinance Amendment:

Section 3. Election Date and Location “Elections for the Council of Trustees of the Shinnecock Nation shall be administered by the election committee and will be held on the first Tuesday in April on an annual basis. Elections will be held at the Shinnecock Community Center. Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm. Voting will take place from 7am to 7pm, followed by a general council (Tribe) meeting at 8:15pm, at which time the results will be announced. This date shall be waived for the first election of the Council of Trustees, which shall take place no more than 90 days after the appointment of the election committee.”

Section 4. Staggered Terms “Officers of the Council of Trustees shall serve 2 year staggered terms. Three seats shall become vacant one year, and four seats shall become vacant the following year.”
Volunteers from the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief group have been working on a few houses on the Reservation. Late this month they completed siding on the home of Dolores Long, a tribal elder. Some of the workers posed for a picture:

L to R: Shinnecock Housing Director Daniel Richards, members of the Disaster Relief group and homeowner, Dolores Long.

Southern Baptist Volunteers Add New Siding to Tribal House

Housing Department Updates

Red Cross Smoke Alarm Campaign

The American Red Cross has reached out to the Shinnecock Nation for participation in its Smoke Alarm Campaign. During this campaign the Red Cross will come to homes without smoke detectors or outdated detectors and install ones that they provide. This is a great opportunity for residents and does not cost homeowners anything. If you would like to participate please contact Daniel Richard in the Housing Department at danielrichard@shinnecock.org.

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) & Project Warmth

HEAP is a federally funded program that assists low-income New Yorkers with the cost of heating their homes. Project Warmth is another program to assist with fuel that is in place if you don’t qualify for HEAP. Please go to: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/> for more information on HEAP and to apply.

Come by the Housing Department office to get an application for Project Warmth only if you are not eligible for HEAP. Please feel free to contact the Housing Department with any questions.
Guests at Shinnecock Lenten Services

Wednesday, March 18th, Dr. Babu Easow

During the Lenten season this year, services were led by The Choir, The Sunday School, Young Adults, Men, Women and special guest speakers on Wednesday, March 18th and Sunday, March 29th. On March 18th, among the men participating at the Church was local heart doctor, Dr. Babu Easow. Dr. Easow, who hails from India, took his medical degrees in Bombay and preached about not letting your heart be troubled. He also joined in the singing with the other men.

Sunday, March 29th, Dr. Gregson H. Pigott

As Director of the Suffolk County Office of Minority Health, Dr. Gregson Pigott concerns himself with the well-being of the county’s diverse minority populations, including Native American, African American, Asian and Hispanic/Latino. On this Palm Sunday he not only presented his health views to the Shinnecock congregation, he created quite a stir playing his sax. Also present was local Pentecostal elder Gerald Martin.
Shinnecock Tribal ID & Enrollment Record Change Process

Shinnecock Tribal Photo I.D.

Shinnecock Tribal Photo I.D. Enrollment cards are available at the Enrollment Office by appointment: Monday – Friday (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Appointments are available until 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays

- First time Photo I.D. cards – No charge*(Appointments for first time I.D. cards must appear in person to take a photo for the I.D.)
- Renewal Photo I.D. cards - $5.00 (I.D. cards expire every 4 years)
- Lost/Stolen Photo I.D. cards - $15.00 (replacement fee**)
- Weathered/Fading I.D. cards – No charge (only if old card is returned)
- Veteran I.D. cards are available to any Veterans who have a DD-214 form on file.

* Minors will be issued an “Under 21 Enrollment Card.” Those who turn 21 within the 4 year expiration date of their I.D. card may receive an Adult Replacement Card free of charge.
**Elders age 62 and older will receive replacement ID cards at the cost of $5.00.

Corrections/Changes to Enrollment Records

The following documents must be provided to make any changes to your enrollment records and Tribal I.D.:

Name Change
Court order for name change, state identification card/drive license, amended certified birth certificate or marriage certificate.

Martial Status Change
Certified copy of marriage certificate(s) and/or certified copy of divorce decree(s)

Contact Information
To maintain up to date records, it is your responsibility to contact the Tribal Enrollment Office with new or updated phone numbers, email, mailing, and physical addresses.

To make an appointment or for questions regarding Shinnecock Tribal Enrollment Service, please contact the Enrollment Office at (631) 458-1240.
The first three Trustees ever elected were put into office in 1792. They were David Jacob, Samuel Waukus and Abraham Jacob.

The records indicate that David Jacob served at least three terms, 192, 1793 and 1794.

Samuel Waukus seems to have served six years: 1792, 1794, 195, 1800, 1804 and 1807.

Abraham Jacobs appears to have served 16 years between 1792 and 1816.

And for the next 221 years, from 1791 until the year 2013, three men were duly elected each year by the Nation to serve as leadership. History was made in 2013 on several accounts:

1. The Shinnecock Nation revised its Election Ordinance and adopted a constitution.
2. The three member Trustee Board became the seven member Council of Trustees.
3. Two women were elected to office for the first time: Lucille Bosley and Nichol Dennis-Banks.

The longest serving elected tribal leaders:

1. 30 years: Charles K Smith, first elected in 1946 and elected every year since up to 1978.
2. 27 years: Harry K. Williams, the second longest serving trustee, elected 27 times between 1946 and 1979.
3. 19 years: Avery Dennis Sr., elected 19 times between 1952 and 1986.
5. 16 years: James W. Eleazer, Jr., elected 16 times between 1978 and 2006.
In Alphabetical Order

The Candidates for 2015-2017 Shinnecock Indian Nation Council of Trustees

Nichol Dennis-Banks

Lucille F. Bosley

Daniel S. Collins, Sr.

Paula Bess-Collins

Eugene E. Cuffee II
I am an enrolled member of the Shinnecock Indian Nation with over 15 years of experience in Business Management. I studied at Temple University and Stony Brook University from 1990-1995 with a discipline in Social Science. I have worked primarily in the Health Field and have been formerly employed by the Suffolk County Department of Health among other agencies. In 2012 I founded The Shinnecock Foundation of Arts a non-profit with 501c3 status. Our mission is to promote pro-social friendships, career readiness and substance abuse prevention. Through the Shinnecock Foundation of Arts I currently continue my efforts to foster a commitment to our youth and elders.

In December 2013 I was elected the first woman Trustee to sit on the Nation's Council and pledged before the Nation and God to do the will of the People. During my term I have upheld my oath and as the General Council Secretary established a leadership philosophy aimed at making information more accessible and transparent; making cultural enrichment, education, dispute resolution, economic development, government to government relations and health a priority; and being firm, but fair, in my decision making. It will always be my goal to put forth an effort to keep The Shinnecock Nation moving forward in a positive direction and to lead by example.

I believe that the key to Our Nation's success is to rebirth the strength and unity from within. We all need to make more of an effort to treat one another with respect, kindness and decency and to build a team for the task. It is my hope that the Council of Trustees will be comprised of individuals who contribute different talents and possess a strong ability to listen effectively while valuing the opinions of others. "Honest differences of views and honest debate are not disunity. They are the vital process of policy making among free men." Herbert Clark Hoover

I am a proud Shinnecock woman who loves our land and our people. I have a strong faith and belief in The Creator and know that all things are possible through Him! My beliefs are deeply rooted in my culture and religion.

Behold they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. [Genesis 11:6]

Trustee Nichol Dennis-Banks
Lucille Bosley

I have heard myself described as being a warm and fuzzy Care-Bear to being a protective pit bull. I describe myself as someone who treats people, my environment, and the laws of the Nation (written or oral) with respect and integrity.

For the past year and three (3) months, I have worked with members of the Council of Trustees who believe in moving forward to do what is right for the Nation and not have their own personal agendas. Together, we have been working on strengthening the structure of our government to protect the Nation and our territories, getting our finances in order, and bringing money into the Nation through grants to fund our much needed programs and economic development for sustainability. Technology has been very helpful in our efforts keep communication open between the COT and the community so that decisions can be made and important updates shared.

I believe challenges are to be met, but I do not believe in micro-managing. My assignment of working with another Trustee and the staff working for the Shinnecock Sovereign Distribution is a challenge, but oddly enough, we complement each other's strengths and assist each other in minimizing our weaknesses. I also try to be a supporter and a troubleshooter instead of a complainer, blamer, or debater. When concerns arise, I try to get at the root of the situation or problem and try to offer solutions to resolve the issue — keeping in mind that it is often easier to identify problems but not always easy to solve them!

There is still a lot of work to do. It has been an honor to serve the Nation as Sunksqua on the Council of Trustees, and it is my hope that voters will elect me to continue working.
Bio

Akwe,

I currently sit as the Chairman of the Shinnecock Indian Nation Council of Trustees and with the voice of the Shinnecock voting membership (General Council), to include the implantation of the Nations Constitution, I have served as Chairman for two traditional terms.

During my tenure serving with the Shinnecock Council of Trustees, we have engaged many initiatives toward stabilizing and enhancing the quality of life for the nation. Although there has been many obstacles, we have endured the pain of loss time and resources, by putting matters in the hands of the creator in turn for the strength to continue on the path of changing the paradigm of stagnation. Our focus has been the support nucleus of the Nation, which is tribal operations and organizational structure. Our Intent is to nurture the growth of the Nation Socially, Culturally, Technically, Economically, Environmentally and Politically. Ultimately achieving the enhancement for quality of life, enrichment of our culture for present and future generations.

With sincere appreciation for the understanding, support and patience of my family, the General Council and the guidance of the creator and our ancestors, I am seeking re-election to the Shinnecock Council of Trustees. In serving a third term the goal will be to bring the aforementioned initiatives full circle to completion, affording the Shinnecock Indian Nation, economic stability and restoration of the peace, harmony and togetherness of old times on GOOD OLD SHINNECOCK!

We are all one people! Own your vote and support it!

Tubutne,

Daniel S. Collins Sr.
Paula Bess Collins

Elected to the Shinnecock Nation Tribal Council in January 2001, Paula served 4 consecutive 2 year terms, took some time off and served a 5th term. Throughout her years on Council, she chaired the Education, Housing and Economic Development Committees. From 2003 – 2005 she was voted in as Vice Chairman of the Council, and in 2005 became the first standing woman Chairman. In her Council post Paula traveled throughout Indian Country attending conferences and meetings as an ambassador for the Shinnecock Nation and is a member of NCAI. Although busy in tribal affairs Paula continually makes time for our Nations’ youth, and was the lead advisor to the Shinnecock Nation Youth Council for 16 years, retiring from the beloved position in 2011. She is currently an active consultant to the SNYC.

In her professional capacity, Paula works for the Shinnecock Indian Health Services in the Community Health Program as the senior coordinator of outreach services for pregnant women children and families on the Reservation. Additionally as an attendant to at many trainings and workshops on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Paula serves as the appointed tribal liaison and advocate for the family on many tribal cases. Through cultivated partnerships with various agencies and organizations Paula has implemented the following programs and services; Shinnecock Daughters of Tradition; Planned Parenthood’s Teen Intervention Prevention Program (TIPS); Native American Teen Dating Violence Curriculum; three Shinnecock Youth Summits; a Traditional Eastern Woodland Garden project through a grant secured from Robert Woods Johnson and United National Indian Tribal Youth; and the Annual Shinnecock Health Fair.

In 2003, Paula was appointed to the Shinnecock Nation Gaming Commission and is a NIGA Certified Commissioner. Furthermore, Paula served as a Tribal Liaison for the 2010 Census. Following her training in Oconomowoc Wisconsin she worked with area census representatives on Shinnecock specific promotional items including helping to coin the phrase, “I’m Shinnecock and I Count”. In her role as 2010 Census Tribal Liaison, she helped host a Census 2010 booth at powwow which included information about employment for census jobs on the Reservation. Paula was recently appointed to the Shinnecock Nation Economic Development Advisory Board and serves as the Co-Chair and acting Secretary.

Paula’s service to the Nation is reflected in her commitment to her many roles and the belief that all Shinnecock are “Born into Politics”. Paula is renewed and recharged daily as she and the Nation continually work and strive for success.
Eugene E. Cuffee II

TO ALL MY RELATIONS

I, EUGENE CUFFEE II AM RUNNING AGAIN FOR THE POSITION OF SACHEM FOR THE SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION. AS AN ELDER OF THIS TRIBE AND SOMEONE WHO HAS LIVED HERE ALL OF MY LIFE, I FEEL COMPelled TO CONTINUE PROMOTING, ENHANCING AND TRYING TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITIES TO SECURE THE TRADITIONS, HISTORY, CULTURAL VALUES AND PRACTICES OF THE NATION THROUGH VARIOUS ANGLES. I FEEL STRONGLY THAT BY CONTINUING TO TALK ABOUT THE OLD WAYS AND INSTILLING AN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO KEEP THEM, IT WILL HELP US TO SURVIVE AS A PEOPLE AND A NATION.

THE SACHEM IS A BIG RESPONSIBILITY THAT I WOULD BE HONORED TO CONTINUE TO FILL. ONCE AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS HOW VERY STRONGLY I FEEL ABOUT KEEPING OUR FAITH IN WHO WE ARE ALONG WITH RESPECTING OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER, COMMON SENSE WHEN MAKING DECISIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF SHINNECOCK, COMPASSION FOR ONE ANOTHER, TOGETHERNESS, PEACE, PROSPERITY AND LEGACIES OF OUR ANCESTORS AND OUR TERRITORY. I WILL WORK AT ALL TIMES FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE.

EUGENE E. CUFFEE II
Michelle A. Johnson

Greetings, Shinnecock tribal members, I, Michelle Johnson, accept the responsibility to serve as one of the Council of Trustees. I hope to encourage us to realize that we were all created to lead, govern, and influence the quality of life we all desire. This only occurs when we purpose in our hearts to come together in the spirit of unity in spite of our individual differences and focus on the highest form of government which is self government.

Although Shinnecock is experiencing many transitional difficulties I believe we learn best when faced with obstacles. As weather shapes mountains, our problems mold us to become effective leaders as well as enable us to come together on common ground. We now have in place the necessary governing tools that will empower us to become more proactive about addressing the pertinent issues that impact our daily lives. I believe the key to effective governing is the full participation of all tribal members; it is vital to successful change. We must continue to be dependable and responsible people who focus on the long haul and not get lost in the demands of the moment.

I am committed to working on positive initiatives that will address the real challenges the nation faces today. Our focus should be on issues such as the financial status of the nation, tribal enrollment, health and welfare of our people, fair employment, road repairs, housing, and land management. Furthermore, a park for our children, the opening of the Day Care, how we address conflicts of interest, nepotism, tobacco regulation, economic development and our ability to resolve disputes. The Nation’s right to vote on the annual budget as well as to participate in the development of prioritized goals, must not be taken for granted. This provides accountability allowing us to build an effective system of self-governance capable of advancing our nation.

We, as stewards of this Nation, must continue to work individually as well as collectively to retain our inherent power and authority. We must be willing to hold leadership accountable to the people by protecting and preserving the constitution. We must face the challenge of identifying, developing, training, releasing and producing a generation of Shinnecock leaders who will secure our future for our children and our children’s children for the next seven generations. If elected, I will continue to fight for justice, transparency and equality for the nation. If history is any indication, I have proven my ability to achieve results, which exemplifies passionate self-driven advocacy on behalf of all of us.
Shinnecock,

Over the course of the last year and a half it is has been an honor serving as a Trustee of the Shinnecock Indian Nation. By serving on the Council of Trustees, Governance Committee, and Economic Development Committee, I have been able to help the General Council address a multitude of issues. The challenges we have faced over the last year were not created overnight, and will not be fixed overnight. The Council of Trustees and the General Council must work together and continue the progress that has been made over the last year. The stakes cannot be any higher and the future of this great Nation is at stake. The position of Trustee is not about a title, it is about duty, commitment, and sacrifice. Those who take up the call of public service must be fully engaged with the community and must have a clear vision for the future.

Shinnecock sorely needs to be economically self-sustainable in order to provide services to our people, preserve our culture, and protect our borders. Creating Tribal enterprises and encouraging entrepreneurship is paramount to ensuring economic independence. In order to obtain true Sovereignty the Nation must continue to build government infrastructure and capacity to handle the influx of people, money, and the many challenges of an ever changing world.

The rigors of government are challenging, but it is also a rewarding endeavor. If re-elected I will continue to work for the Nation day and night for the betterment of Shinnecock. We must always remember to “ask not what Shinnecock can do for you, but what you can do for Shinnecock.” It takes an entire community to move ahead and togetherness to persevere through stormy waters. I would be deeply honored if given the opportunity to continue the important work of building up and enhancing this Nation. We have risen to the occasion throughout our long and extraordinary history, and I firmly believe we will rise to the occasion again and become the Nation we are capable of being.

Peace, Love, and Light

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Bryan Anthony Polite
BIO OF BRADDEN N. SMITH

I have spent more than 19 years in Tribal government. During that time, issues such as land allotment, land management, trespass, domestic violence, finance and long range planning were a few of the day to day issues we dealt with. You will see that during the last two years the council of Trustees have achieved tremendous accomplishments in our year to end report. This report will be handed out on the week of March 16th.

I believe that my past work experience in law enforcement has given me a wealth of social and communication skills that enable me to represent the Nation with the highest integrity and dedication. I hope that I get a chance to continue to serve the Nation.
Michael F. Smith

My name is Michael F. Smith and I am running for Trustee. I was born and raised on the Rez and graduated from the Southampton Public Schools, class of 1967. I attended SUNY College at Potsdam before transferring to SUNY College at Old Westbury where I received my B.A. in Liberal Studies in May of 1971. During the summer of 1971 I attended the American Indian Summer Law Program in Albuquerque, NM. I attended Princeton Theological Seminary from 1976 to 1979 where I received my M. Div. (Master of Divinity)

I began caddying at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club at age 11 and continued there until I became employed by Robert Kenelley Housemovers, Inc. where I worked during the summers of my high school and college years. After graduating from college I became a substitute teacher in the Southampton Public School System and spent a year as a teacher for the NYS Division for Youth, Short Term Adolescent Rehabilitation and training Center (S.T.A.R.T.) for juvenile delinquent girls in Brentwood. From 1974-76 I was employed by Dartmouth College in a college-prep program, A Better Chance, Inc., for Indian and other ethnic minority students. Upon graduation from Princeton Seminary, I became employed by the Synod of the Southwest as the Associate Executive for Indian Ministries. I worked there for five years until being called as the pastor for the Shinnecock Presbyterian Church where I have served for the past 29+ years.

During my employment here I have been honored and privileged to serve on a variety of boards and councils. I do believe that those relationships which have been nurtured over the years can help our community move forward into the 21st century. We live in some exciting times and there are so many positive and productive opportunities which await our involvement and participation. These opportunities can and will improve our educational, medical, and financial well-being.

The future of the Shinnecock is absolutely vital to me. I have four children and five grandchildren and it is the responsibility of my generation to leave the generations to follow a hope-filled future. Grandma used to say, “If you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the problem.” Being 28+ years alcohol-free and 5+ years nicotine-free, I believe I can be part of the solution.

Thank you
Terrell L. Terry, Sr.

My name is Terrell L. Terry, Sr., I was born and raised on the Shinnecock Nation Territory. I am privileged and blessed to be born of Shelia Eleazer Terry and Clarence A. Terry. During my childhood, I experienced the wonders of the open space and the beauty of the natural surroundings; where I learned to hunt, clam, swim, and survive with the guidance of my father, uncles and cousins. As a result of my childhood experiences, I love, respect, appreciate and am proud of my Shinnecock heritage and everything Shinnecock. I am looking to become the newest member of the Council of Trustees.

My life experiences have influenced the qualities of strength, perseverance; patience and loyalty that will allow me to serve my Shinnecock Nation. My voluntary services in the community have included 2 terms on Tribal Council, Fire Keepers/ Warrior Society, and the Natural Resource Committee. While a member of the Tribal Council, I advocated for the protection of our land, water, and air. As a member of the Fire Keepers, it is an honor to keep watch of the Spirit fires, for tribal members who have crossed over. As a member of the Warrior Society, the priority is to bring men together for strength and betterment of the community as a whole. To further my education and stimulate personal growth, I have attended classes at Suffolk Community College. Recently, I completed training at the Dale Carnegie School of Leadership, where I received an award for Outstanding Performance. I regularly read various novels, biographies, autobiographies, and self-help literature, to broaden my views and foster new ideas.

As a member of the Council of Trustees, my focus will be to assist the Nation with reaching its full potential of economic development through our natural resources, which is an overlooked area that has culturally and historically sustained our people. For thousands of years, the waters have nourished, and provided for our ancestors; I feel as though it is time for our Nation to return. To protect, preserve, and restore what is the lifeblood of the Shinnecock Nation needs to be the priority of the Shinnecock Nation. As a longstanding member of the Natural Resource Committee, I have witnessed the federal and state governments acknowledging and respecting our presence and position in the mid-Atlantic region. Therefore, I look forward to the reward and challenge of serving the Shinnecock Nation, with pride, dignity, and honor.
Events Calendar

Saturday, April 4, 2015
A Meet the Candidates forum will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2015, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Shinnecock Community Center.

Saturday, April 4, 2015
Spring Open House
Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center and Museum

VOTE
for Council of Trustees
Tuesday, April 7, 2015
from 7am to 7pm.

PSEG
Information on lowering electric bills
Thursday, April 9th, 2015
PSEG and Island Harvest
Preservation Center Lobby
from 10:30am-12:30pm

Wampum Lecture Series
Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center and Museum
Sunday, April 12,
Sunday, April 19, and
Sunday, April 26th