

ALPHA INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEETING 2013

Address by the President – Andrea R. Lord

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN A YEAR OF BOTH A LOW KEY RYTHMN AND HIGH NOTES OF CRITICAL ACTION, TESTING ONES FAITH, BELIEFS AND VISION. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO REPEAT ALPHA INSTITUTE'S VISION WHEN IT WAS FIRST FORMED.

Alpha Institute seeks to extend communication resources to Native American and other grass root communities, whose contribution, viewpoint, knowledge, and cultural identity are endangered. The viewpoints and concerns of indigenous societies focus on the urgent issues of sustainable non-destructive land use, resource management, and an economy rooted in a spiritual approach to the land and the people.

ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HOST MANY OF THE ORIGINAL WEBSITES, MAINLY BECAUSE THEY SURPASSED OUR CAPABILITIES, THEY STAY IN TOUCH AND ALWAYS REMEMEBR THAT WE HELPED THEM BIRTH AND THE FACT THAT THEY GREW IS A POSITIVE ACT THAT REFLECTS ON ALPHA INSTITUTE AND ITS VISION.

WE VISITED HOPILAND LAST SPRING AT EARTH DAY AND AGAIN WAS SO IMPRESSED WITH THE WAY THE HOPI LIVE. THEY TRAVEL THEIR PATH WITH SUCH CONVICTION AND VERY LITTLE SUPPORT OR RESOURCES. THEY WELCOMED US LIKE FELLOW TRAVELERS ON THE SAME PATH AND THIS WAS A GREAT COMPLIMENT.

ALPHA INSTITUTE AND THE FAMILY POSSESSION IN GREAT MEASURE FOR ME WAS AND IS ABOUT BRINGING ALL THE DIFFERENCES TOGETHER TO WORK FOR A POSITIVE WHOLE. SEX, AGE, CULTURE, RELIGION ETC. COULD ALL BE RESPECTED AND APPRECIATED AS A DIFFERENT TAKE OR EDGE TO BE SHARED, TO FILL IN OUR SPACES, ROUND OUT OUR PERSEPCTIVE AND CIRCLE.

TOGETHER WE ARE WHOLE.

OUR YEARLY MEETING IS A MEASURING TOOL OF THE JOURNEY OF THE PAST YEAR. BOTH AS AN ORGANIZATIONAND PERSONALLY.

OUR PERSONAL JOURNEYS TOOK A FRONT SEAT CHALLENGING OUR STRENGTH AND COURAGE LOOKING AT OUR LONGEVITY.

I FOUND MYSELF ASKING QUITE FREQUENTLY WHAT DOES THE WORLD SAY? AND MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT DOES THE UNIVERSE SAY? IT WAS AMAZING HOW DIFFERENT THESE ANSWERS WERE. ONE WAS CENTERED IN FEAR AND ONE IN CONNECTION AND FAITH. HUMOR HELPED - SEEING ONE REBORN WITH A NEW STINT ON LIFE PUN INTENDED.

A LARGE PART OF THE YEAR WAS TAKEN UP WITH THE PUBLIC ACTION.

HABITAT, OCCUPY MOVEMENT AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

THE ELECTION ESPECIALLY USED QUITE A LOT OF PSYCHIC ENERGY SOMETIMES IT FELT LIKE A BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL. COLORADO VOTED TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA AND THIS WAS AN ACT OF COURAGE.

IT IS NOT ABOUT GETTING HIGH IT IS ABOUT FREEDOM AND WE STILL HAVE CIVIL LIBERTIES TO PROTECT AND NURTURE - SAME SEX UNION , THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE – ETC.

CHOICES ARE A RESPONSIBILITY AND SHOULD BE LOOKED AT WITH SERIOUSNESS.

MAKING SOMETHING LEGAL DOES NOT RELIEVE ONE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

SO HERE WE ARE HEALING OURSELVES, MATURING, HOPEFULLY BECOMING WISER

USING OUR EXPERIENCES FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING . AND MOST SATURDAYS YOU CAN FIND SOME OF US DOWNTOWN ON BROADWAY AT NOON WITH OUR SIGNS ON ISSUES SPREADING PEACE AND LOVE.

Drumming Circles – Rachel Lord

As a community service, Andrea Lord and Rachel Lord have been facilitating monthly drumming circles at Isis Gifts and books in Englewood, CO for over a year.

Attendance varies from around 10 to 30 people and is announced in the Isis on-line calendar. It has been attended by men, women and children and even guide dogs. People may bring their own instruments or use ones supplied by the store.

The circles are by donation only and proceeds collected go to various charities.

Recycling Computers: William McGuire

Alpha gave 6 computers to Truth Christian Academy, Littleton, CO for their educational programs. This included 2 Dells, 2 Compaqs, and 2 Gateways, along with keyboards, mice, power cords, a spare hard drive and 2 monitors. This is the largest donation in many years. Also we gave Goodwill Industries for recycling – 4 computers, 2 Dell monitors and assorted software, and hardware.

At the present time we have almost no more equipment left to donate.

Report by the Sysop

Everything continues to work OK considering it is all used and recycled equipment (Sun Unix servers). The equipment includes 2 Ultras (1.6 mhz), an Ultra 40 (2.5 mhz) and running Sun Solaris 10. The current router has limited bandwidth. We are experimenting with running wireless servers in house.

WEBSITES:

The list of web sites that we host and support is on www.aphai.org. This past year IEN set up its own web site so the work with native groups is certainly changing.

We continue to maintain our sites such as the Fountain of Light and Womens Circle News.

Ongoing Activities

Alpha continues to explore various recycling and conservation activities including composting, conservation of water and the full range of items that can be recycled such as motor oil, metals, glass, and paper products, plastics, etc. As mentioned in a previous years – **Going Green** has an obligation and a responsibility to future generations and is not limited to just normally recycled products but to enlarging the conversation to include basic living methods and forms.

Occupy Denver

After a robust showing on May Day the movement appears to be evolving into more educational activities – Teach Ins, etc though it is still active in Foreclosure Resistance and supporting other protests such as against the Keystone Pipeline.

Some of us continue to demonstrate at Civic Center Park on Saturdays for an hour between 12 and 2 PM.

Solar Cookers

We continue to use our solar cookers in spring, summer and fall.

Visit to Hopi

On our visit to Hopi and Thomas Banyacya Jr. we left a new solar cooker (with glass enclosure for food, pot etc.) and showed how it worked.

Discussion:

The drum circles were discussed and people were encouraged to attend.

The “Idle No More” movement out of Canada by native people opposed to destruction of the land by the tar sands “pipeline” coming from Canada is being watched and supported by members.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:30 PM, 2/10/13 by the Secretary at 2570 Sky Ranch Road, Aurora, CO 80011.

5:10 PM Meeting called to close by Secretary/Treasurer.

This is a true and accurate rendering of the official yearly meeting of Alpha Institute held February 10, 2013 in accordance with the corporation by-laws.

Signed:

4/4/2013

William E. McGuire
Secretary Treasurer
Alpha Institute