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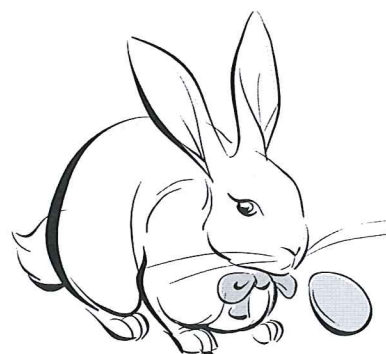
(Kahsakayu·té·se? Wahní·tá·le?)

Thunder Moon

April 2014

HAPPY EASTER

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APRIL 2014 MENU

CONGREGATE MEAL SITE, 2901 S OVERLAND, ONEIDA, WI, 54155 PHONE: 1(920) 869-1551

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Meatloaf Cheesy Potatoes Almond Green Beans Apricots	2 Chicken Tetrazzini Squash Jell-O Pears	3 Boiled Dinner Salad Fresh Fruit	4 Potato Crusted Cod California Vegetables Fruit Cocktail Cake
7 BBQ Chicken Potato Salad Broccoli	8 Ring Bologna Parsley Buttered Potato Acorn Squash	9 Turkey Dressing Mixed Vegetables Lettuce Cranberry Sauce Pear Crisp	10 Chili Raw Vegetables Fresh Fruit Homemade Bread Cake	11 Baked Fish Oven Browned Potato Cole Slaw
Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit			Apple Sauce
14 Corn Soup Meat Sandwich Raw Vegetable Fresh Fruit Jell-O	15 Oven Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Carrots Fresh Fruit	16 Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Apple Sauce	17 Swedish Meatballs Noodles Cucumber Salad Corn Muffin Mixed Fruit	18 BREAKFAST Boiled Eggs Muffin Yogurt
21 Liver & Onions Mashed Potatoes Carrots	22 Spaghetti Meat Sauce Corn Cheesy Bread	23 Swiss Steak Baked Potato Mixed Vegetable	24 BIRTHDAY DAY Beef Stew Biscuits Raw Vegetables	25 Baked Fish Oven Roasted Potatoes Asparagus Rye Bread
Cookies	Fresh Fruit	Fruit Cocktail	Cake	Oranges
28 Baked Ziti Mixed Vegetables Bread Stick	29 Beef Vegetable Soup Lettuce Salad Sandwich	30 Roast Turkey Roasted Sweet Potato Wax Beans Cranberry Sauce Corn Bread Fresh Fruit	All meals are served with coffee, tea, juice, cocoa, milk, or water.	Menu is subject to change. Lunch is served Monday-Friday from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00p.m. Breakfast is served from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Fresh Fruit	Jell-O			

APRIL 2014 ACTIVITIES



Monday	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday
	1 Crafts 10:00 – 11:30 Activity Room	2 Scruples Game Activity Room 9:30 Exercise E.S. Meal-site 10:30 Bingo Cliff Webster Build 1:30	3 Cooking Activity Room 9:30 Bowling Ashw. Lanes 1:30	4 Banks, Shopping & Lunch Out (On your own) 10:00 – 3:00 No Transportation for lunch this day.
7 Checkers Activity Room 9:30 Exercise E.S. Meal-site 10:30 Bingo Site II 1:00	8 Crafts 9:30 – 11:30 Activity Room	9 Rummikub Game Activity Room 9:30 Exercise E.S. Meal-site 10:30 Bingo Cliff Webster Build 1:30	10 Goodwill Store Green Bay 9:30 Wii Bowling C.W. Building 1:00	11 Banks, Shopping & Lunch Out (On your own) 10:00 – 3:00 No Transportation for lunch this day.
14 Old Made Activity Room 9:30 Exercise E.S. Meal-site 10:30 Bingo E.S. Meal-site 1:00	15 Easter Bingo 3 Sisters Center Green Bay 10:00	16 Scattergories Activity Room 9:30 Exercise E.S. Meal-site 10:30 Bingo Cliff Webster Build 1:30	17 Banks, Shopping & Lunch Out 10:00 (On your own) No Transportation for lunch This day. Bowling Ashw. Lanes 1:30	18 Good Friday No Activity Breakfast only 9:00 – 10:00
21 Cards Activity Room 9:30 Exercise E.S. Meal-site 10:30 Bingo Site II 1:00	22 Crafts 9:30 – 11:30 Activity Room	23 Scrabble Game Activity Room 9:30 Exercise E.S. Meal-site 10:30 Bingo Cliff Webster Build 1:30	24 Chair Yoga Oneida Fitness Center 10:00 Birthday Lunch 12:00 Wii Bowling C.W. Building 1:00	25 Banks, Shopping & Lunch Out (On your own) 10:00 – 3:00 No Transportation for lunch this day.
28 Yahtzee Game Activity Room 9:30 Exercise E.S. Meal-site 10:30 Bingo E.S. Meal-site 1:00	29 Crafts 9:30 – 11:30 Activity Room	30 Quiddler Game Activity Room 9:30 Exercise E.S. Meal-site 10:30 Bingo Cliff Webster Build 1:30	* Please sign up for trips at the AJRCCC. * All Trips leave from AJRCCC. * Activities subject to change.	*Is this your Birthday Month? You must sign <u>up in the Birthday Book</u> <u>at the AJRCCC. Must be</u> <u>present at B-day Lunch</u> <u>to receive your gift card.</u>

****If you have any questions Please call Michelle Cottrell at 869 -1551****

Nutrition Information

Contact: Loretta Mencheski – (920) 869-1551

Effective Immediately: to receive a bingo pass you must sign-up before the 10th of each month. Questions: Loretta Mencheski, Elder Services Congregate Meal Site Supervisor.



Volunteers Wanted: The Elder Services Congregate meal site is looking for volunteers, age 55 or older; services needed is assistance in the diningroom and delivering Home Delivered Meals to homebound elders. If you would like to volunteer, call Loretta (920) 869-1551, or you can stop by the Elder Services Congregate Meal Site at 2901 S Overland Rd, Oneida, 54155.

Attention All Participants of the Elder Services Congregate Meal Site:

Policies & Procedures Specific to the Older Americans Act – Funded Nutrition Program

Effective October 1, 2008 the Elder Services Congregate Meal Site will maintain a reservation system for participants who eat at the meal site. Participants who eat at Elder Services Congregate Meal Site are asked to call in the day before to reserve or to cancel their meal for the next day, week, or month before 4:00 p.m. Contact Loretta Mencheski, (920) 869-1551

No participant will be denied a meal

Upcoming Nutrition Advisory Council Meetings

- When: 3rd Friday of the Month
- Time: 1:00 P.M.
- Where: Elder Services Congregate Meal Site

Oneida Elder Services Native American Family Caregiver Information

Oneida Elder Services "Native American Family Caregiver Voucher/Stipend Program", is designed to give established primary caregivers the opportunity to have a break from their caregiving responsibilities for up to 4 hours a month. It also provides an hourly stipend/wage to the relief caregiver. You may qualify for this program if you are a caregiver, recipient, or grandparent who is legally caring for their grandchild(ren), Native American, age 55+ and live within the reservation boundaries.



Please contact Joyce Johnson, Elder Abuse Prevention Supervisor (920) 869-2448 for details.

****Services are dependent on available funds****



Please join us for our Alzheimer's & Native American Family Caregiver Support Group at:

Elder Services Complex – Pod A
2907 S Overland Rd, Oneida WI 54155
4th Wednesday of the Month
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

For more information, contact Sandra Summers,
Outreach Worker (920)869-2448.

YawÁ?kó

In the Oneida language, **YawÁ?kó** means *Thank You!* During these hard economic times, the generosity of our community members means so much, which is why Oneida Elder Services would like to send a very special thank you to the following individual(s):

Blanche Powless

Nice Comments....

"Thank you," to Linda Webster for donating place mats for craft classes.

"Thank you," to Nori Damrow, Gladys Smith for donating Bingo Prizes.

Call received from customer "Thank you," to Elder Services she is very appreciative and thankful for all of the services they provide.

Reminder: **All** articles in the elder library (book & movies) must be signed in and out.

ONCOA Meetings:

Second and Fourth Tuesday of every month

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Elder Services Conference Room

2907 S Overland Rd

Oneida, WI 54155



April Showers Brings May Flowers

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Hyacinth Impatiens Dogwood Bluebell Lilac
 Anemone Orchid Geranium Petunia Freesia
 Azalea Daffodil Poppy Iris Rose Magnolia
 Lily Spirea Jonquil Begonia
 Marigold Hawthorn Gardenia Jasmine
 Cornflower Crocus Pansy Zinnia Tulip Snowdrop

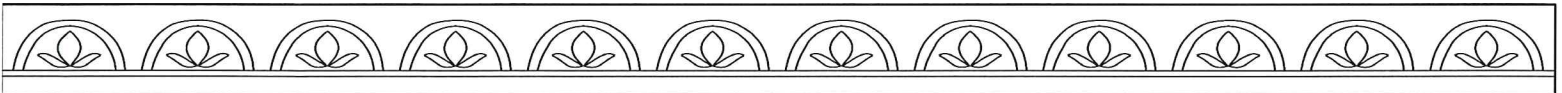


BENEFIT SPECIALIST AT ELDER SERVICES CONGREGATE MEAL SITE



Starting **November** 2013 on the **second** and **fourth Monday** of the month Angela Ortiz, Benefit Specialist for Oneida Elder Services will be at the Elder Services Congregate Meal Site located at 2901 S Overland Rd, Oneida, WI 54155 from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** She will be there to answer questions and offer assistance with Medicare, Medicaid, Senior Care, and similar programs that are available for Elders. Please feel free to stop by with questions on those days or contact her in the office.

Any questions please contact: **Angela Ortiz, Benefit Specialist at (920) 869-2448**



Make a Difference in your Community become a Foster Grandparent or Senior Companion

Are you a Senior, 55 years or older who enjoys spending and/or sharing your time, knowledge of tradition and culture? If income eligible, you can make a difference in your community by volunteering up to 8 hours a day while receiving extra income

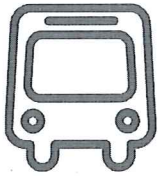
Foster Grandparents provide an inter-generational exchange between Elders and youth. Elders can serve as mentors to youth at tribal schools, day care centers, head start, after-school activity groups and youth centers.

Senior Companions provide opportunities for healthy older adults to serve Elders who may be homebound, alone, and/or isolated without family support. Senior Companions may serve clients within reservation boundaries.

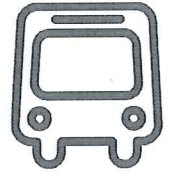
Come share with our community, enjoy life, help others and earn tax-free money!

For an opportunity in your area contact:
Angela Ortiz, Benefit Specialist
(920) 869-2448

**You must be a least 55 years of age, complete a background check and meet
Income guidelines to earn a stipend!**



Elder Services Transportation Page



For more information please contact:

Joyce Hoes, Transportation Supervisor at **(920) 869-2448**

We have Oneida Public Transit bus passes available to
Elders 55 years or older who are gainfully employed,
serve on a board, committee or commission that pays stipends.

While Supplies Last!

Sponsored by: National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST)



Oneida Elder Services is hosting:

Spring AARP Driver's Safety Class



DATE: May 20, 2013

TIME: 9:00 am - 1:30 pm (total class length 4 ½ hours)

PLACE: **Elder Services 2907 S Overland Rd**

Please sign-up at Elder Services Congregate Meal Site
Elder Services will pay for the first 10 Tribal Enrolled Elders who sign-up

No testing

****MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 7 ELDERS TO HOLD THE CLASS!****

Some of the highlights will be:

*Information on aggressive drivers *Anti-lock brakes *Cell phone & Text usage while driving

*Defensive driving techniques *New traffic laws and information regarding Round Abouts

*How to adjust your driving to age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time

Some Auto Insurance Companies may give a discount for taking this class



Oneida Elder Services: **May is Severe Weather Month**

Guest Speaker: Kaylynn Gresham

Hot Topic: **Community Safety**

Severe Weather Awareness & Preparation: When it Thunders go inside

Build an Emergency Kit

Have a Plan and Practice

Know your Risks

Elder Services Congregate Meal Site

May 14, 2014 @ 12:00 p.m.

Elder Scams
Joyce A. Johnson
Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator
Oneida Elder Services: (920) 869-2448

Some of the latest scams that are being perpetrated against the trusting elders are the romance scams.

They are purposed to not only steal your hearts but your cash. These scammers realize that there are many lonely, isolated, and vulnerable elders that have saved some sizable nest eggs.

These scams consist of the following types:

- After meeting on a dating site a request is made to communicate through e-mail, a chat service or phone. These types of communication cannot be tracked by the original dating site when you become the victim of a scammer using the site to find victims.
- Your new love begins to ask you to wire money due to a family emergency that may not exist.
- You are asked to lend small sums that are paid back as promised and eventually when your trust is won a larger loan is requested that is never repaid.
- You receive an e-mail asking you to click on links to third parties. The links may contain malware intended to steal personal information off your computer.
- You are asked to send money to buy plane tickets, etc. so your new love can come to meet you.

The money is sent and the person you are to meet never arrives.

If you become the victim of a financial scam please report it immediately to Oneida Elder Services, Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator, Joyce Johnson (920) 869-2448



~NOTICE~

Signature Needed

See Policy Statement for Home Chore

All work requests and services require a signature from you to document that the work was completed. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. **PROCEDURES:**

- 4.1 Maintenance Supervisor assigns the ICF to Home Chore Workers.
- 4.2 Supervisor will call client and schedule a time to complete the work.
- 4.3 Staff must knock on the door, introduce self, and let client know the service they are providing.
- 4.4 When work is completed, staff must obtain the client's signature on the ICF.
- 4.5 Any additional requests must be initiated through the Service Coordinator.

Any questions call: (920) 869-2448
Justine Hill, Maintenance Supervisor

Home Chore Services:

1.0 PURPOSE: To assist our elders who are having difficulty with yard work and heavy activities which they may be unable perform.

2.0 DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 Initial Contact Form (ICF): Point of entry for service(s) request.
- 2.3 Maintenance Supervisor: Individual that supervises Home Chore Workers.
- 2.3 Needs Assessment: Client information form done annually to determine need.
- 2.4 Service Coordinator: The initial point of contact for any service requested.
- 2.5 Waiver: Relinquishment document signed annually by client for services.

3.0 WORK STANDARDS:

- 3.1 Normal Business Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
- 3.2 Services available depending on funding and staffing.
- 3.3 All requests must be initiated through Service Coordinator.
- 3.3. Home Chore Workers have 5 working days to complete ICF request.
- 3.4 Priority for elders 70 years or older.
- 3.5 Elders under 70 years of age with disabilities: must provide proof from the Social Security & Disability Administration.

4.0 PROCEDURES:

- 4.1 Maintenance Supervisor assigns the ICF to Home Chore Workers.
- 4.2 Supervisor will call client and schedule a time to complete the work.
- 4.3 Worker must knock on the door, introduce self, and let client know the service they are providing.
- 4.4 When work is completed, obtain the client's signature on the ICF along with the date, time in and time out.
- 4.5 Any additional requests while the employee is there must be initiated through the Service Coordinator.

Home Chore Services Continued:

- 4.6 Staff is not expected to clean up animal feces or enter a home with fleas or animal aroma.

5.0 ELIGIBLE SERVICES

- 5.1 Install or remove window air conditioners.
- 5.2 Help move items that are too heavy for elder to move ie. furniture, appliances, storage boxes within the client's home. (Do not rearrange furniture)
- 5.3 Change batteries in programmable thermostat, smoke detectors and CO2 detectors and change light bulbs.
- 5.4 Plowing driveway, shovel walk way, clear handrails to main entrance and clear a second exit.
- 5.5 Lawn care: Pick up branches in yard, cut grass, trim weeds within the 480 ft. perimeter around the house (may include the house).
- 5.6 Mulch leaves per elder request.
- 5.7 Fix lawns from plow damage by leveling out divots, plowing should not damage trees or bushes.
- 5.8 Trim small branches
- 5.9 Clean out gutters and downspouts on house only.
- 5.10 Pick-up heavy items from store within the local area ie. water softener salt, furniture, mower.
- 5.11 Drop off items for donation.
- 5.12 Assemble small furnishings ie. shelves, television stand, chair.
- 5.13 Haul firewood into client's home. Pick up and deliver wood within reservation boundaries.
- 5.14 Fix or install mailbox.
- 5.15 Take garbage to road.
- 5.16 Change furnace filter.
- 5.17 Add salt to water softener.
- 5.18 Assist with minor home repair projects.
- 5.19 Enter information into database system.

6.0 REFERENCES

- 6.1 ICF SOP



Oneida Elder Gift Shop

Located inside the Elder Services Complex

2907 S Overland Rd Oneida, WI

Open Monday – Friday

8:00 To 12:00PM & 12:30PM to 4:30PM

Meet our friendly elder employees

Beautiful handmade Crafts by Oneida Elders

Beadwork, jewelry, birdhouses, ribbon-shirts,

Coasters, t-shirts, hoodies, and baskets

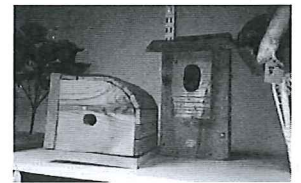
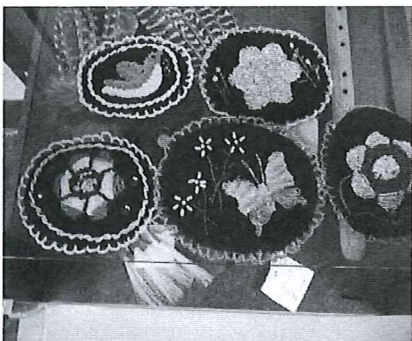
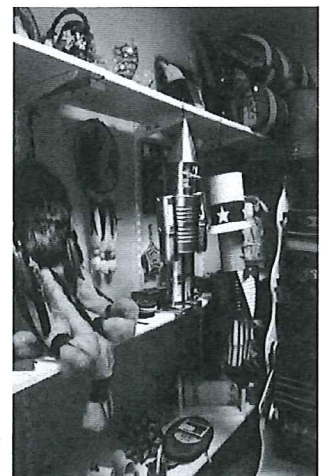
Oneida Singers Tapes and CD's

Fresh popcorn, soda, and water

No consignment fees for Oneida elders, age 55 and older to
display and sell your arts and crafts

For more information you may contact:

Barb Skenandore at (920) 869-2448





Great Lakes Native American Elders Association (GLNAEA)

Sponsored by Carter Potawatomi

June 5 & 6, 2014 – Carter WI

Potawatomi Carter Casino/Hotel

618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI 54566-9193

1(715) 473-2021 or 1(800) 487-9522

All GLNAEA member elders who want to participate in coordination with Elder Services, Please Sign up at Oneida Elder Services Congregate **Meal Site by Monday May 19, 2014.** Payment must be received at Sign up and GLNAEA membership verification will be requested at time of payment. We will make arrangements for 8 people and will be using our tribal Van, (please bring no more than 1 bag per person). Participants must be independent, (able to help themselves), and be in good health, (to prevent spread of illness). We will be staying at the Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel and the cost is \$29.00 per person. We will leave the Elder Services Congregate Meal site at 12:30 pm on Thursday, June 5, 2014. If you have any questions please call Oneida Elder Services Congregate Meal Site (920) 869-1551. Thank you.

Next Meeting information:

Sept 11 & 12, 2014 – Ho-Chunk Nation in Wisconsin Dells



The Sustain Oneida Summit: A Summary

By: The Oneida Trust and Enrollment Committee

This series of articles is designed to inform Oneida citizens about Tribal enrollment issues. The goal of these articles is to generate community conversations leading up to and beyond the Sept 7th Sustain Oneida Summit which explored community participation for citizenship and belonging.

The Sustain Oneida Summit was held at the Radisson this past Saturday September 7, 2013 9am-4pm. Approximately 100 people attended, with the majority of participants staying the whole day. A wide age range was represented from elders to youth. The purpose of the summit was to serve as a community conversation starter about issues of citizenship, belonging, membership criteria and its effect on Oneida sovereignty and long-term survival. Potential solutions to enrollment criteria will be discussed in future sessions such as this one.

The summit opened with a presentation on Oneida enrollment trends, with slides portraying past, current and future expected Oneida enrollment numbers. A decline in membership is expected over the next 50 years due, in part, to decreased Oneida birth rates as well as an expected reduction in the number of individuals who will have “enough” Oneida blood (1/4) to enroll.

Next, there was a presentation from Dr. Jill Doerfler, associate professor of American Indian Studies at University of Minnesota-Duluth. She discussed what blood quantum is, its history, and how it is calculated. Dr. Doerfler’s talk was especially relevant to Oneida as she has been instrumental in the White Earth tribe’s efforts to reform their enrollment requirements. An historic referendum vote on the proposed constitution of the White Earth nation is set for November 19, 2013.

Dr. Doerfler’s talk was followed by a series of small group sessions, which discussed important identity questions such as: “What does it mean to be Oneida?” and “Share a story about when you “felt” Oneida”. A facilitator captured responses on a flipchart which were later shared with the larger group.

Small group discussions were followed by a lunch lecture by Dr. Doug Kiel, a post-doctoral fellow in History at the University of Pennsylvania Center for Native American Studies. Dr. Kiel is also an enrolled Wisconsin Oneida. Doug discussed the importance of citizenship over membership and encouraged Oneida to think about ways to contribute to their community rather than only focusing on what they can get out of it.

Next there was a “World Café” style discussion with stations set up around the room with different topics relevant to the concept of belonging. Questions included “What

Sustain Oneida Summit: A Summary continued:

do you most value about Oneida?" and "How is Oneida unique?" At each station participants captured what their answers "looked" like on large sheets of paper. What resulted was an astounding variety of images, words, and colors. Among the images people drew were clan animals, corn soup, Duck Creek, sports, the Oneida Wampum Belt and community gathering places such as the Longhouse. The artwork was then hung up on the wall and discussed.

There then followed a personal interview session in which participants broke into pairs and asked one another questions provided on a sheet such as "Three wishes I have for my grandchildren," "The Oneida community is at its best when...." and "Being Oneida means...".

Oneida High School principal, Artley Skenandore, closed the summit with a summary of the day and a challenge to all Oneida to not just "survive" but to "sustain." Although there is no roadmap, he stated, there are compass directions which are the core values of Oneida:

Kahletsyalusla (Gah-lates-Jaw-loose-la) -The heart felt encouragement of the best in each of us;
Kanolukwasla (Gah-know-loonk-quuts-la) - Compassion, caring, identity, and joy of being;
Kanikuhliyo (Gah-knee-goo-lee-yo)- The openness of the good spirit and mind;
Ka tshatstasla (Gah-sah-stunts-sla) - The strength of belief and vision as a people;
Kaliwi yo (Gull-lee-wee-yo) -The use of the good words about ourselves, our Nation, and our future;
Yukwawhatsile (Yoon-kwa-wha-jeel) - Our family and our Nation;
Yukwatsistaya (Yoon-kwa-jeest-die-ya) - Our fire, our spirit within each one of us.

Now that we are on this journey of change - re-envisioning what it means to be Oneida - we need to think about what provisions we need to carry it out. The summit served as a starting point and we must continue the journey in a good way.

Please tune into our next article where we will provide a recap of participants' reactions to the summit. Thank you to all who attended!

For more information about Sustain Oneida please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/OneidaTrust>

<https://www.oneida-nsn.gov/TrustEnrollmentCommittee.aspx>

or call: **Dottie Krull** - 920-869-4372 - Education & Training Admin.

For comments or questions please email: sustainoneida@oneidanation.org



Article 9

The Sustain Oneida Summit: Participant Responses

By: The Oneida Trust and Enrollment Committee

This series of articles is designed to inform Oneida citizens about Tribal enrollment issues. The goal of these articles is to generate community conversations leading up to and beyond the September 7th 2013 Sustain Oneida Summit which explored community participation for citizenship and belonging.

This article will provide a recap of participants' reactions to the Sustain Oneida Summit which was held Saturday September 7, 2013. Participant responses were collected during the Summit's small group discussions and World Café table topics. The Sustain Oneida team has recently reviewed the data that has come out of the Summit. After reading every response for each question, the data was organized into the most frequently occurring themes, which we will share here.

During the morning, participants gathered into small groups to discuss questions centered around what it means to be Oneida. A facilitator captured each small group's responses on a flipchart which were later shared with the larger group. In true Oneida fashion, the small groups shared stories, and there was a good amount of laughter and joking around the room. Many Oneida pride themselves on their sense of humor and this approach helped participant's discuss what were sometimes challenging questions. The most common responses to each small group discussion question are summarized by topic below:

Why is it important to be Oneida?	"Pride," "culture," "identity," language" and "family"
Share a story or experience about when you felt the most Oneida.	"Longhouse", "language", "singing", "teaching history" and "traditional games"
What does being Oneida mean to you?	"Pride/honor," "family/relatives", "responsibilities", "grateful/thankful", and "identity"

The afternoon was organized around a "World Café" style discussion with stations set up around the room with different topics relevant to the concept of belonging. Elders were paired up with youth so that the generations could come together to discuss their ideas. At each station, participants captured what their answers "looked" like on large sheets of paper. The artwork was then hung up on the wall and discussed. The most common responses to the World Café poster questions are summarized by topic below:

Article 9 Continued:

What do you value most about Oneida?	"Culture," "food," sovereignty" and "home"
How are we connected?	"Historical places," "events," and "food"
Think of an example when you were overwhelmed with a sense of belonging. Describe what you experienced, saw, felt, shared....	"Great Law Recital," "indigenous games," "songs/dancing," and "meetings"
How would you promote yourself as an Oneida citizen?	"Engaging in community," "practicing language," "and "education"
How is Oneida unique?	"Language," "clans," "history," "sovereign nation," and "traditions"
How do we empower Oneida youth?	"Listening," "leading by example," "connectivity," "and cultural activities"
Who and what determines belonging in a group in Oneida?	"Family," "religion," "ancestry," and "values"
Imagine a time when you felt a sense of Oneida community. What did it "look" like? How did you feel?	"Gatherings," "traditions," "language," "and "Oneida Pow wow"

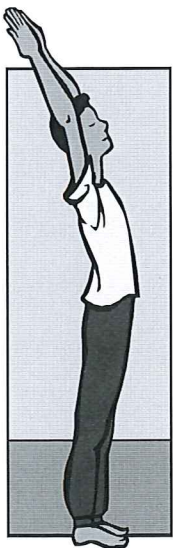
At the end of the Summit, participants provided feedback on questionnaire cards. Several people stated how surprised they were at how peaceful and civil the conversations were given how divisive the topic of belonging, blood and identity can be. People noted their appreciation at having a safe and friendly the environment to begin these conversations.

The Sustain Oneida team is grateful to the community for attending the event and sharing their stories and comments. The information that came out of this Summit will be used for a variety of planning measures such as creating future agendas; continuing the discussions about Oneida citizenship and belonging; and identifying where to go from here.

Yaw^ko to all who attended the Sustain Oneida Summit and we hope to see you again at future events!

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Oneida Elder Services

Will be introducing '**Tai Chi**'

Coming in May, 2014 at Congregate Meal Site

Check the May edition of Drums for times

This is a class to help focus on light **Stretching & Balance**

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