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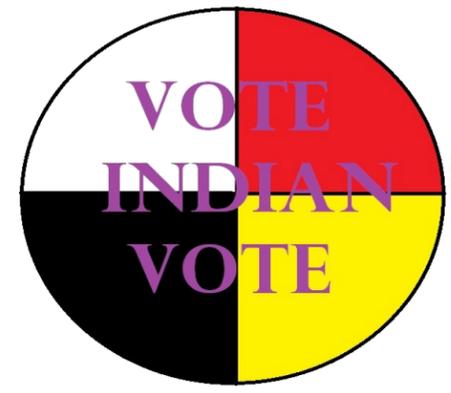
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*The Creator gave you a voice,
 So use it.*

**We are Bah Kho Je
 Exercise your right & vote.**



The elections will be held at the Bah-Kho-Je Chena Building, located at the Pow-Wow grounds on **Saturday, June 1, 2013**.
 The polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and will close at 4:00 p.m.

2013

In accordance with *Article VII: Elections and Appointments*:
 The positions open for elections are as follow:

CHAIRMAN TREASURER GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE (3POSTIONS)

2013 Election Board Members: Frankie Howell, Candice Pershall, and April Carson.

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Election



Notice

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
2013 Candidates

Chairman

William Murray
Janice Rowe-Kurak
Edgar Kent Jr.
Joyce Miller
Eagle McClellan
Perri Ahhaitty
Gary Pratt

Treasurer

Kerwin Murray
Thomas Cox
Timmi Huber
Lisa Switch
Phoebe Carson

Grievance Committee

Calvin Rowe Sr.
Lisa Washington

Election Ordinance. Section 4. Qualifications

Any person elected to tribal office shall be not less than twenty-one(21) years of age and an eligible voter of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma. Candidates must agree to physically reside within the state of Oklahoma during their term of office. If a non-resident, such person must establish physical residency within the state no longer than thirty(30) days following the election. Should the candidate fail to fulfill this requirement upon election, such candidate shall not be installed, and such election shall be declared invalid. If an individual has pled guilty, or been found guilty of any felony in any court district, State, or Federal Court, or has been removed from any Tribal Office, the individual shall be determined not qualified to be a candidate for any elective Tribal office. If at least five(5) years has passed following removal or completion of a penalty for the crimes mentioned herein, they shall not serve to disqualify a person from becoming a candidate.

Candace Pershall

Candace Pershall, Clerk

April Carson

April Carson, Teller

Frankie Howell

Frankie Howell, Judge

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Bobby Walkup
Chairman

Lisa Switch
Treasurer

Leslie Tanyan
Secretary

Renee Lincoln
Council Person



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Bah-Kho-Je Journal

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TREASURER CANDIDATE 2013

Hello -

My Name is Kerwin C Murray
My family has been in the tribe since
it began and always will be
You that know my father, No, he's
Honest and out spoken. he's raised five
of us by himself and We are Good Honest
people and want the best for our People.
Those that are in office have abused
our family's and Tribe.

We should as Tribal member's should be
able to come in Ask Any Question or
Information about our financial situation
accountable for every penny to where and
when it went out of our hands

We, to get our Tribe back and TAKE
care of our people have to unite

We need and Audit of everything the
last four years has hurt each and every
Tribal member not related to our leader's.

Integreatie, Honesty has been violated
We need this back

With your Vote I will bring it back
and not with hold any information

Your have the right to this and all areas
of our Tribe. I need your vote

Thank you
Kerwin Murray

CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE 2013

Greetings to All,

My name is Eagle B. McClellan, and I am running for office of Chairman because I am ready to make a difference in our tribe. I believe it is time for us to step up as leaders and move our tribe forward. I have grown up here my whole life and I remember how our elders conducted business on behalf of the whole tribe. These are some of the examples that our folks set for us to follow, and I intend to bring these things back to our people.

I believe all of our members should be given respect and treated equally, quite simply, learn to love and help one another instead of being against each other. I Believe the very key to success is bringing back the teamwork and communication concept, I feel this is very vital to the success and growth of our tribe. I also feel that culture is something that is missing from our tribe, I would like to see our language, ceremonies, etc brought back into our tribe.

I would like to see more programs for our youth and elders implemented, along with other opportunity for economic development to bring more revenue into our tribe. I too, would like to see more tribal members employed, but instead of just placing them in a position they are unfamiliar with, give them the proper tools for the job they are pursuing. What I mean by tools is give tribal members training, education, guidance and the reassurance that they will have room for growth and advancement in their career path.

Together I know we can accomplish many great things and secure a future for not only us, but for our elders, our children, grandchildren, and generations to come. I believe I am ready for the wonderful privilege of serving as your chairman and I would like to ask for your support and vote on June 1st.

Thank You,

Eagle B. McClellan

TREASURER CANDIDATE 2013

Hello to All my Fellow Ioways:

My name is Timmi Chante' Huber, I am running for the office of the Tribal Treasurer for the Ioway Tribe of Oklahoma. I am asking for your vote on June 1, 2013 at our General Council/Election Meeting.

My parents are Robert A. Huber (Awkesasane Mohawk) of Houston, Texas and Emily B. Huber (Ioway/Otoe) of Carney, Oklahoma. My maternal grandparents (deceased) were Jack and Remonia Murray-Jacobsen (Otoe/Ioway). My great material grandparents (deceased) were Kirwin Murray (Ioway) and Alice FawFaw-Murray (Otoe). I have two brothers Chebon and Kirwin Huber. I am a single mother who is raising three beautiful (future leaders) children. Hinglu (Otoe/Ioway for 1st born son); age 11, Mia Ilene (who was named after her great grandma Remonia); age 8, and Hena (Otoe/Ioway for 2nd born son); age 4. I have lived most of my entire life in Perkins. I moved away a few years to attend college, but returned home (Perkins) about eight years ago, where I currently live in Tryon, Oklahoma.

My work experience has included seven years as Court Director for the Otoe-Missouria Tribal Court. Gaming for five years as bingo floor worker, Soft Count, Vault, Cage Supervisor, and Assistant General Manager all within the Cimarron Casino. Three years as the Court Administrator for the Ioway Tribal Court. I was successfully in running my own housekeeping business for three years. Presently, I am working for the Ioway Tribe as the administrative assistant for the maintenance department.

My platform is simple. I want the Ioway Tribe and all the Ioway People, to the youngest to the eldest, to prosper. Prosperity starts with leadership. Here are a few ideas I have for our tribe:

Ioway Finances- as the elected tribal treasurer, it is mandated for the treasurer to oversee all financials for the Tribe.

Youth- currently there are not any official programs for our youth, with the exception of open gym days.

Elders- currently there are not any programs for our elders, with the exception of meals.

New Enterprises- Casinos are awesome, but there are more businesses the tribe can started and implemented; we need to start thinking outside the box.

Cultural- we need to get back to our tribal cultural roots. I would also like to see the Elders Advisory Board implemented again.

Employment- our tribal people, whether they are enrolled Ioways, Ioway descents, other tribes, are not being hired or promoted. The employee morale is at an all-time low. Employees are scarred from day to day of whether or not they will be fired, reprimanded, etc. We need to encourage and value our good and dedicated employees and get rid of the ones that just collect a pay check.

Many of the past candidates from our Business Committees have made many promises to get elected which never came to par. The only promise I can make to my Ioway people is to always try to make for the tribe keep the best interest of the tribe and our people, to be consistently in the office to take care of our day to day affairs. I will respond when you text, email, call, etc. I will always listen to your concerns and try to find the best solution; I will treat you like a fellow human. It will not matter to me what family you come from. Each one of our Ioways should be encouraged to prosper. I will truly have an open door policy and not just say I do.

I want to thank you for your time and attention for reading my campaign letter. If you support the ideas I wish to initiate and you believe me to be the best candidate for the Ioway Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal Treasurer, I ask you to cast your vote for me on June, 1, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timmi Chante' Huber

Hello.

Im William Murray
 Single Parent To five Children,
 Iowa, OTO, Ogalala Lakota & Cheyenne
 U.S.M.C. 1st & 3rd MARINE DIVISIONS
 Camp Pen & OKINAWA Jap. Spec ops Seven
 Foreign Countries, MOS 0311, 0331, 0341, 0351,
 My father is Kerwin Murray Jr, Mother
 is Henegetta Wilson Murray. GRANDPARENTS
 Kerwin Murray Sr. & ALICE FAW-FAW-Murray

As we introduce ourselves we all mention
 our forefathers, this is our names we all
 hold in honor and respect, and try to do
 all the we can in their spirit, and to try
 to keep them alive and respected.

As time passes people see our true person
 what im about to say is what become
 from this.

90% percent of our Tribal members are
 fired from their Tribe, Their children also
 suffer from their enrolled Parents Job loss

None are sent to Training TO TAKE THE
 Top Position in their field.

NON-Tribal members are sent to Training,
 School to fill these top Positions, Top Pay
 Tribal Employee & Member speaks out about
 abuse youre fired and retaliation begins.

Tribal Employee's Mess-up on their own time
 after work they get fired Our leaders do the
 same offense or worse nothing back to work.

Tribal Emp & Member's Are visited by our leader's
 Told to expedite their family's Benefits, enrolled
 family members get back per-caps, family is
 given special Hardship checks, ect.....

Violating personal Information Data.

Our leader's children and family, STEAL our
 Tribal live stock, sell for Personal gain, steal
 equipment for personal gain, "No Court" charge's
 "\$10,000" given to our leader's to spend anyway
 they want, credit cards, "\$50,000" ON TRIPS TO ANY
 where they want, How do our children and
 Grand children and us benefit from this, We
 Can't even get a Quarterly per-cap. Decent
 one at that, 19 million in the Bank four years
 ago, Broke today, Ask for an Audit youre
 gonna go to jail.

Tribal leader's given non-Tribal member's
 Enrolled children's per-cap's. Parent enrolled them
 that support for life, Tribal members can and
 need to have this to show the child he does
 care and supports them, THE Bond between child
 and enrolled parent will be felt and known.

Our Tribal clinic won't except our Tribal Id's,
 for Treatment or Medicine, this is a federal Id's
 not STATE, our own facilities won't except our
 Tribal Identification.

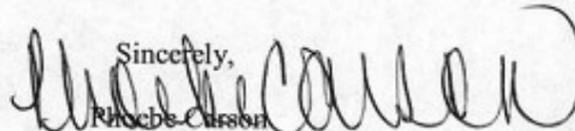
Our Disabled get Small Income from the Gover-
 nment not enough to survive, Ive asked to put
 them on the elder's benefits or create a better
 assistance program for the Disabled.

Our Housing for our Tribal Elder's and Disabled

TREASURER CANDIDATE 2013

Dear Tribal Members,

My name is Phoebe Francine Carson and I am running for the office of Treasurer. I am asking for your support and your vote for this coming election. I am excited about the progress the tribe has made these past few years and I am willing to work with the other elected officials to continue making progress. I am a team player and firmly believe in team work. Most of my back ground is in health care. I am a Licensed Practical Nurse, and I know firsthand what it takes to work together as a team in order to get the job done. Hard work and long stressful hours are what I am use to. The Government continues to make fast pace changes every day and we as a tribe need to keep up with these changes. I will always base my decisions on what is best for tribal members as a whole and will work hard to give tribal members the loyalty, respect, and dedication you deserve. I strongly believe in taking care of our elders and our children because without you we are nothing. The elders made the sacrifices needed to get us where we are today and the children are our future. I feel it is my duty to strive for excellence by working hard and going above and beyond what is required of me to take care of and satisfy all tribal members. I will fight for what is right and work hard to give you my very best. Thank you for your time. God Bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

 Phoebe Carson

TREASURER CANDIDATE 2013



Greetings to the BAH-KHO-JE people

My name is Thomas A Cox, III, a tribal member since birth in 1961; my parents were Thomas Arthur Cox Jr. and Mary Loretta Kihega Osage from Fairfax, Oklahoma. My Grandmother Mable Kihega was a full blooded Iowa, she and my grandfather Joe Osage were good people as my paternal grandparents were Tommy Cox, Sr. and Juanita Cox. These people made me who I am today and I am proud to be a parent and Grandfather today.

I currently live in the Perkins area and have been working at the Iowa Cimarron Casino as security and maintenance since my move back from Santa Fe, New Mexico after receiving my Bachelor's of Fine Art Degree in Studio Art's with Honor's and my Entrepreneur's Business Certificate. I have an Associate in Applied Science in Plumbing and Pipefitting from The Oklahoma State University Technical Branch. I have taken other business courses and environmental health courses throughout my career as being a plumber and working for the Indian Health Service.

I have been around and worked with many tribes in my life and do my best to get along with all people. I am a member of the Native American Church. I have chosen to run for the Iowa Treasure to help our tribe in any way possible with my life experience, skills, and education as an honest working person. My main goal is to work with our Iowa people and our elected business committee with our Tribal Enterprises, Tribal facilities and its manager's for our Elder's, generation of today, and our youth. I believe the people have a right to be heard and given an answer or explanation of what is going on with our tribal government.

I cannot make any promises, but I do know how to work and get a job done. I have seen wonderful buildings and programs set up for our people and want us to continue on with what we have and grow into what our elder's prayed and wanted for us. Today we have that and need to get along and continue to grow as a great Nation. I promise to be as professional as I can as your Treasure with honor and truth. I would like for our children, grandchildren, and those to come, to have our guidance and opportunity in life for the days to come as a tribe. Because as people of my generation and our elder's generation know it is hard to survive in this world we live in today. Our elders left us with what we have today and suffered far more than we can imagine, so I want to see if I can help our people take care of what we have, even if it is just for a little while. I am aware of what our people are going through after living here and need the opportunity as your Treasure to help our Iowa Tribe. Thank you for reading my campaign letter and hope to have a great election this year.

Thomas A Cox, III

ARE filled with non-Tribal member's
The homes the live in some are allotment
Homes, they need remodelled to fit their needs
they are in pretty bad shape. IF you got no
car or its broke ask for a ride for you and
your kids to the Grocery Store, Doctors, OR ANY
Other kinda Appointment, you'll be told to find
a ride somewhere else so Hitching is your
Transportation Kids in hand down and old little
Dangerous highway Just to have a Tribal Truck
or van pass you Driven by Non-Tribal Member
We have so many lawyer's, Tribal member's
cant use them only our five leaders and the
use them to fight each other, Tribe pays for
this, Our Accounting firm write's us a Tribal
check they get a big one also.
Indian child welfare Program they will Terrorize
and try to adopt your kids out in a Heart beat
the Abuse Tribal family's Constantly you go
to a leader and Complain. STAND-BY
Months & Months of Cancelled meeting to be
held for Tribal up date and benefit.
When they did show up. They verbally
Assaulted Enrolled Tribal member's and employe's
Then Trade to Physically assault them and
their family's joined in on these assaults only
to have our Tribal Police Force Physically hold
them back these assaults continued from our
leader's all nite long on our people that are
enrolled member's even on our elders.

This is the Professional and respectful way's
our Ancestor's would want us Treated.
People are enrolled by our leaders in return
vote's they get full benefits Top Positions
Top Pay
I had to wait eighteen year's to get
anything vote, job, funds, ect...
four long year's to Abuse and Mis use
Their Position's.
Vice-Chairman elected
Mr. Walk-up Don't know you but since
you've been in office, . . . Tribal Casino
addition, Route 141 Casino STARTED, Truck-stop
on new four lane Coming by Tribe.
If we elected him four year's ago, We
would be getting the benefits of this now.
You want four more year's of this TOTAL
Abuse to you your children and Grandchildren.
Then elect "Auntie" SHE'S got all kinds of
Degree's and 50 years of Government Service.
We need four more elected like our vice-
chairman. We see what happens when we
elect our family just because their family
Stand by me not behind me and we can
eliminate this kinda Abuse, Harassment and
Terrorism. We need to have a meeting Tribal
"only" and up-date our Constitution. So our
leader's cant Assault us anywhere.
I need your vote Hundreds of Absentee Vote's
arent Counted un-less your vote is for someone
already in office.

Saying something Good about the last
four year's. We have all learned just how
bad a voted in family member can abuse
us and smile then ask for your vote
Hold your kids and Grand kids
Ask your self am I tired of this kinda
Abuse from our leader's.
With your Vote we can stop this.

Stand-up

God Bless

William Murray

CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE 2013

Honorable Members of the Iowa Nation,

My name is Edgar Blaine Kent Jr.

I am the Great Great Grandson of Frank and Emma Nawwaynaway Kent. The Great, Grandson of Edgar Blaine Kent. The Grandson of Benjamin and Martha Bassett Kent. The Great Grandson of Margret Bassett a full blood member of The Iowa Tribe. The Grandson of Rev. John L. Stoneroad. A missionary among All Tribes for 60 years. The Son of Rev. Edgar Blaine Kent Sr. an anointed Man of God.

My message is simple "It's Time".

It's time to secure the financial future and quality of life for our Elders and every Iowa Tribal Member.

It's time to put aside our petty differences and unite as a people.

It's time to stand together as one Nation under God.

It's time to open the doors of prosperity and help each individual Tribal member walk through these doors.

It's time to realize that united as a Nation we will no longer survive we will conquer.

It's time that every Tribal Member's voice is heard.

We stand at the door step of a new millennium. The choices we make now are vital to assure our Tribes current progress. We must no longer allow our progress to lie stagnant for years. Let us never forget where we have come from in The Iowa Nation. I ask you to search deep within your hearts and pray to make the right choice for The Iowa Nation at this time. Do not let this election be another popularity contest that will separate families and keep the curse of poverty on The Iowa Nation.

We must look at The Iowa Nation as a whole body, treating every Iowa Tribal Member as a vital member of this body. We must put God first. God has seen what has been done to our people throughout the generations. God has also seen what we have done to each other. We must leave this anger for each other behind us because it will turn to hate. This is a cancer to The Iowa Nation. We must learn to love one another and accept each other and forgive each other's faults. Learn that true prosperity lies in unconditional love and Unity. Christ forgave us of our sins. We must learn to forgive ourselves and each other. So these wounds can finally be healed, within ourselves, each other and The Iowa Nation. It's time to break this spirit of poverty that has held The Iowa Nation in bondage. It's time for every Iowa Tribal Member to have an abundance of blessings.

I speak to you today not only as an Iowa Tribal Member, but also as a Man of God.

Sincerely yours,
Edgar Blaine Kent Jr.

TREASURER CANDIDATE 2013

PLEASE VOTE FOR LISA SWITCH YELLOWFISH AS YOUR TREASURER!



Greeting Tribal Members! **AHa! Hanwe Pi ki. Bah Kho-je, Woh're**

First, I'd like to begin with saying from my heart it is a true blessing to have served as your Tribal Treasurer since 2009 and I'm very appreciative. This has been a very humbling experience.

I am the great granddaughter of Edward and Phoebe Small, my grandfather is the late Dan Small Sr. and my mother is Deborah Small Gouge. I was born and raised in Oklahoma. I have two beautiful children, and one rambunctious grandson!

I am a Proud -US Army Veteran, and my degrees are a B.S Organizational Leadership (emphasis Business) and a Master in Human Relation's (MHR).

2 Years Ago I wrote.....What the future holds

Our Ioway people are destined for greater things; many sacrifices were made immeasurably by our elders so long ago in hopes for a better day, a better future. The time has come for us to ask, for the sake of our elders and for the future of our children; What do we plan to accomplish? What change will they see? It is our time to make a difference and our moment to be selfless. It's time to start anew and work together. **So my continued goals will be:**

- ❖ **Focus on creating new Elder and Youth Programs –Feedback from the Tribal Members would be necessary**
 - *We've worked to ensure our minor's will receive annual deposits, I will ensure this will begin year 2013*
 - ❖ Strategic Planning for future economic developments.
 - *All departments at the Iowa Tribe are currently developing strategic plans for the future. This is important because it directly impacts our capital budget and overall tribal budget.*
 - ❖ A New Casino and focus on improving our Cimarron Casino, the market study indicated that development on Rt. 66 and Cimarron Casino would receive the most return on investment.
 - *WE persevered and we finally have the Ioway Casino scheduled to open June 1st! and the Cimarron Casino expansion is scheduled for completion by September 2013!*
- AND WE ARE NOT IN DEBT!!!**
- ❖ Tribal Assistance, additional ways to increase and expand the tribal assistance for our Ioway People.
 - *Tribal Assistance has increased over 1 million since 2009 in program assistance!*

Last year when I started my second term I stated "this reminds me that we should spend our money wisely and establish our goals and plan strategically for our economic developments....that our work does not go without notice and that our time and place here in these positions are not for us, and the work we do is not achieved by one but as a whole and let us not forget its common goal is for our people." I believe in this and this still holds true. Thank you once again for your trust in me.

Place your vote for the future of the people and for continued prosperity of the tribe!!

VOTE FOR LISA SWITCH YELLOWFISH

AS YOUR TREASURER!!!

CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE 2013



Greetings Tribal Members

I am writing to ask for your support and vote for **Chairman** of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma. The first two years of my term were very successful and accomplished several things for the tribe. During the last two years, the tribe has made many strides including the opening of the new Ioway Casino, scheduled to open June 1, 2013.

When I first ran for office, I vowed to increase the number of tribal members working for the tribe, and many tribal members were given the opportunity to work for their tribe. If re-elected, I will once again encourage the increase of tribal members working for the tribe. I believe this tribe belongs to all Ioway Tribal members and we have a vested interest our Tribe.

I have a proven record for protecting and fighting for the rights of Native People, and specifically Iowa People. I encourage every tribal member to vote this year because every vote does count. I am asking you once again, to **re-elect Janice Rowe-Kurak as Chairman of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.**

Sincerely,

Janice Rowe- Kurak

CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE 2013

My name is Gary Pratt and I am running for the position of Chairmen for the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma. I am the great-great grandson of Frank Kent and the great grandson of Blaine Kent, and the grandson of Ruth and Andy Pratt. My Ioway name is Auho Thaway.

I worked for the AT&T Corporation for 32 years, retiring 6 years ago. I was with the Realty Department for one year and spent the last 3 and half years as a Recreation Leader for the Recreation Department. My role as a Recreation Leader has been that of overseeing the Wellness Center, Sport Complex, and providing various programs for our people and employees.. Our programs include throughout the year, 3 on 3 basketball, open gym and Zumba. Cultural activities that we include are the sweat lodge, helping host hand games and Springfeast. We are currently working on an Outreach program for the youth over the summer. We are involved with the Cultural Club and serve on the Safety Board.

I have served on the Gaming Commission as a Commissioner for almost five years. I take a great deal of pride in the accomplishments that have occurred by our Gaming Commission and staff and look forward to our future in Gaming in Indian Country, a future that is almost now as we await the opening of the new Ioway Casino and the expansion of the Cimarron Casino.

What I will bring to the table is leadership. I have a very good understanding of the commitment and dedication involved in serving as your Chairman. I've been given the inspiration to lead my people. It is my passion. It is my purpose. I would greatly appreciate your vote on June 1st. Further questions, I can be reached at gpratt@iowanation.org.

I thank you and may God bless.

Gary Pratt

Haa, My Ioway Folks,

With deep concern and thoughtful consideration, I have decided to seek office in this year's Iowa Tribal Election. The office I am seeking is the Office of the Chairman and I would like to ask for your support. I haven't just decided to run for office, just because I can, nor because it won't cost me a thing to file, nor do I want to run just to split up the votes. I am seeking office because I genuinely care about the Iowa Tribe and You People and the future of this Tribe! I would like to see it grow and prosper – the way I left it many years ago, when I did not seek re-election way back there, in the 1980's. At that time I thought I was retiring from tribal politics and felt satisfied for the many years I had served the tribe. But today, I seem to have a new release on life – those old days of my youth are gone and my life style is changed and I find that I am reflecting more and more on the tribe – and would like to help, just as some of my old folks did years and years ago. I am also in a better position to allow me the time to focus my complete attention to the tribe – gone are the days when I was a struggling young mother – raising my boys and trying to make it in life. But with the help of Our Creator, and the support and dedication of my dear, good parents and other relatives I accomplished that, and now I am thankful that He has brought me this far in life.

Many of you remember that I served as tribal secretary, and maybe some of you don't. But, when I was a young girl, just out of high school, some of the older men of the Tribe approached my parents and asked them if “they could run me” for Secretary. What an honor that was for me when, later – in life, did I realized this. Those older uncles that encouraged me way back then were Solomon Kent, Blaine Kent, Ed Small, Franklin Murray, Wiley Springer, and Louis Kihega. During those times the tribe barely had records, and all the official records were kept at the Shawnee Agency. I worked closely with the Shawnee Agency in compiling certain records. The Bureau of Indian Affairs assisted the Tribe – in many ways, and especially through my “hands-on training” when I was developing the first Tribal Roll since – the **1936 Roll**. For the Tribe to determine blood quantum's and then, tribal membership, the Business Committee approved to declare all Original Allottees as full-blood Iowas – for **Enrollment Purpose Only**. As I worked I became familiar with all the old Original Allottee names, and I even had the honor of meeting and knowing a few of them. Those that I remember were, of course my own grandparents, Frank and Emma Tohee Kent, Gr'ma Millie Dole, Gr'ma Nellie, Gr'ma Margaret Bassett, Gr'ma Lina DeRoin, Gr'ma Emily Murray Roubidoux, Uncle Kirwin Murray, and other names – like Pearl Maker, Zola Susie DeRoin, Harrison White Horn, Farrar Roubidoux, Lucy Ruth Vetter White, and maybe a few others. But what an experience to know them – and their kind ways! Most of my early years as Tribal Secretary were spent learning and working with Uncle Solomon and Joe Walker. Later, I was detailed down at the Shawnee Agency, and when there became a partial list of eligible members, I was then sent down to the Anadarko Area Office in the Tribal Operations department where I worked under the direction of Marcelle McDaniel on our own tribal enrollment. During this time; they (BIA) sent expert personnel from the Central Office in Washington, D.C. – like Janet Parks to help assist, and guide me and the rest of us to develop the first Tribal Roll! This was eventually approved by the Business Committee and by the Secretary of the Interior. During my tenure as tribal secretary I worked under four tribal chairman – they were; Solomon N. Kent, Elzie R. Sine, Lawrence P. Murray, and Wallace C. Murray.

Other significant accomplishments that were made during those early years when I was Secretary; were probably, the most important documents of the Tribe, they include:

The Tribal Assistance Program – By the mid '60's our Tribal Attorney had filed nine Land Claims against the U.S. Government for those millions of acres of land that was ceded to the government for our former homelands. All nine Claims were awarded to the Tribes. Chairman Kent worked very hard for the passage of setting aside 15% out of each Claim for a ‘trust fund’ – of sorts – for Tribal Operations, as the tribe had no funds to operate on then. We worked diligently with the whole Bureau – Shawnee Agency, Area Office and with the Central Office in DC. Finally this was passed by the People from the first Docket won – and then from each subsequent Dockets – 9 in all! The total amount set aside was \$100,000, and during that time, we only operated off of the Interest and the Principal amount stayed in-tact for years. From this investment the tribe set up its first Tribal Assistance Program - \$50. for Dental, \$50. for Eyeglasses, and another amount for a Burial Program. The Long Range Planning of that – brought about the still existing Tribal Assistance Program that all tribal members are still entitled to, and enjoy today – and still, we are blessed to have such a Program that has been expounded upon by all the past and present Business Committees.

Three Powerful Ordinances Adopted: During the early '80's, and as the Tribal Secretary, I was appointed by to serve as Interim Tribal Administrator, and under the leadership of Chairman Wallace Murray we took four Ordinances before the People to vote upon, and they all passed. Today, that historic outcome proved to be lucrative enterprises of the Tribe!

- **Tobacco Ordinance** – was passed and the Ordinance became what we know, as – the operations of the **Tribal Smoke Shops**.
- **Bingo Ordinance** – this passed and later became known as the **Gaming Operations** and the Casino.

A Tax Ordinance and a Denturity Program were also passed – and from those operations we have a Licensing for tribal vehicle tags; and we were the first Tribe in the State to have a Denturist on tribal lands.

Through the years society has come a long way, and, so have I – I have kept up with the latest technology and I stay involved with the goings-on of the Tribe and I try and support activities that concern us and our surrounding community; and – even across Indian Country – I support all that I can. I enjoy being with folks, and you may have heard me say – that beside My God and My Family – my other Love is My People. So, my Pledge is that I will continue to serve you with the best of my ability.

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HoTaEeMi : Flaming or Falling Star Across the Sky – Eagle Clan

Joyce Big Soldier Miller

