

38th Annual *Federal* Recognition

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Fulfilling Our Elders' Vision for Our Future

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Message from the Tribal Chairman

Lios enchaniavu,

Since the election, it has been a busy three months, organizing ourselves as a Council and identifying key areas to continue to move the Nation forward. We are currently working on developing an administrative plan that takes into account the many needs of the tribe; this is a major planning effort that has not happened in years past. We expect to begin with opening the conversation with our community, including our off reservation communities. In the coming months, please join us and become involved in our planning process. To achieve our goal of developing a plan that reflects our Nation's priorities, we will be implementing community leadership strategies. The planning process will require extensive research, continuing conversations with other stakeholders and an evaluation process with metrics and measures.

As you know, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's enrollment is growing and our responsibility to our citizenship is growing as well, therefore we must plan accordingly. We need to act as real stewards of tribal resources, ensuring our financial house is in order. To help meet the demands of our citizenship, we are looking forward to working with different cities and towns and developing partnerships to aid us in fully leveraging our tribal resources. We have demonstrated many successes and as a result there are a number of businesses as well as federal, state, local and other tribal government officials who are very interested in partnering with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and learning from us. It is important that we work together to service the social, health, safety, educational and other important needs of our Yaqui communities.

Tribal Council will be more proactive and will work to garner the support needed for the Nation to build our future. This is one of the most exciting things to do as a council member, utilizing the opportunity to share our story. We look forward to doing our part in shaping our Nation's future!

Lios em chiokoe uttessia

**Robert Valencia, Tribal Chairman
Pascua Yaqui Tribe**



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Top Row: Cruzita Armenta, Antonia Campoy, Francisco Munoz, Francisco Valencia, David Ramirez, Rosa S. Alvarez, Herminia Frias
Bottom Row: Peter Yucupicio, Mary Jane Buenamea, Robert Valencia, Raymundo Baltazar

We, the newly elected Tribal Council, would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation for your continued support as we enter the 38th anniversary of our Federal Tribal Recognition on September 18, 2016. This year's theme "*Fulfilling Our Elders' Vision for Our Future*" emphasizes our progress in making our elders' vision a reality through the dedicated work of generations that have followed. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe has come from humble beginnings, never straying from our cultural and ceremonial beliefs that have sustained us since time immemorial. This year's artwork, created by Mr. Francisco Baltazar, beautifully illustrates this theme. There are many events scheduled for Tribal Recognition, including Yaqui History Nights.

Tribal Council along with elders and other community members will provide presentations about our Traditional communities in Arizona that reside in Guadalupe, Penjamo, Coolidge, Marana, Old Pascua, South Tucson and New Pascua. The Yaqui History Nights hope to bring our citizens together to learn about each community's unique history and reflect upon where we are today in fulfilling our elders' vision.

We will be hosting other community events too, such as the Historical Run 2016 which is scheduled to begin in Penjamo and end in New Pascua; the Annual Baseball and Softball Tournaments with a special Dedication of the Pueblo Park Complex; and of course, the annual baile (dance) on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Casino del Sol Convention Center. The baile will include a combination of music groups from Rio Yaqui, local Yaqui bands and other Tejano artists (this event is free to tribal members). On Sunday, September 18, 2016 be prepared for a full day of traditional Yaqui dancers, a Mass at Cristo Rey, the crowning of Senior Royalty Yaqui King and Queen, a presentation of Miss Yaqui, activities for families, and music from local and Rio Yaqui bands as well as informational booths on our programs and services. ■



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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Saturday, August 27th** - Miss Yaqui Pageant
- ◆ **Sunday, September 4th -7th** - PYT/Casino Co-Ed Softball Tournament
- ◆ **Friday, September 9th -11th** - Youth Tournament Ages 9-12
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 14th - 19th** - Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 14th - 19th** - Baseball Tournament
- ◆ **Friday, September 16th** - Park Dedication
- ◆ **Saturday, September 17th** - Recognition Reception All Age Event
- ◆ **Saturday, September 17th -18th** – Recognition Historical Flag Run

- ◆ **Sunday, September 18th** - Recognition Day Celebration

- ◆ *Mass*
- ◆ *Traditional Cultural Activities*
- ◆ *Distribution of 2016 Recognition T-shirts*
- ◆ *Department Activities and informational Literature*
- ◆ *Receiving of the Historical Flag Runners*
- ◆ *Presentation of Miss Yaqui and Court*
- ◆ *Presentation of Senior King and Queen*
- ◆ *Entertainment*

- ◆ **Friday, September 23rd – 25th** - All Native Co-Ed Slow Pitch Tournament

- ◆ **History Night at the Following Communities at 6p.m.**

- ◆ **Monday, September 12th:** *Marana*
- ◆ **Thursday, September 15th:** *Guadalupe/Penjamo*
- ◆ **Friday, September 16th:** *New Pascua*
- ◆ **Pending:** *Old Pascua/South Tucson*



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2016 HISTORICAL RUN JOIN US!

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Retracing Our Elders Path - Historical Run 2016 September 17 & 18, 2016

The 38th Annual Tribal Recognition includes the Retracing our Elders' Path, a Historical Run. The purpose of the run is to honor the path our elders took during the early 1900's when they settled in safe encampments to protect our language, culture, traditions, and lives.

As Yoemem, we are one people. We are one people separated geographically but bridged together by our culture, history, language and family. Today, it may seem inconceivable that our ancestors travelled these long distances without the luxury of cell phones to communicate and cars to commute. Historical Runs allow us to bridge our Yoemem people across Arizona and Mexico while recognizing and

respecting the contributions all of our traditional communities.

The Historical Run welcomes all Yaqui citizens to join us in the journey. The two day journey covers over 142 miles of terrain. Beginning in Penjamo (Scottsdale) and proceeding through our traditional Yaqui communities of Guadalupe, High Town (Chandler), Coolidge, Eloy, Yoeme Pueblo (Marana), Old Pascua, San Martin de Porres, Senor de los Milagros and finishing in New Pascua.

Thank you to everyone who participates in this important journey and to the numerous volunteers that make it successful. We hope to continue the Historical Run tradition in future Tribal Recognition events.

Fulfilling Our Elders Vision for Our Future: Letter from the Artist

Lios enchianiavu, achalim, Alam, siime evtahtia,

Greetings to you all. My name is Francisco Baltazar, and I am a proud enrolled member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. I am a father of two daughters, Leihlani & Amber and a devoted husband to my lovely wife Clarissa Baltazar. I have always found peace and joy in art. I started drawing in my childhood years but it wasn't until I grew older, when I started to see the meaning of everything artistic. Once getting together with my wife, I gained more support, confidence, and my passion for art grew. Everything I paint and draw has meaning behind it, as shown in my drawing "Fulfilling Our Elders' Vision for Our Future".

I thank you all for you continued support.

Tua lios enchim hiokoe utte'esiavu
Francisco Baltazar



"Fulfilling Our Elders' Vision for Our Future".



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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Dedication of Pueblo Park September 16, 2016 4:30-6:00 p.m.

On this 38th Annual Recognition we will dedicate the Pueblo Park Sports Complex, its fields and concession stand to individuals that have created a legacy of dedication, love, and passion for the community through the game of baseball and softball. The Pueblo Park Sports Complex will be dedicated to Pedro and Sally Flores' baseball legacy who both devoted countless hours to the Pascua Pueblo community by organizing community outings and visiting the outlying Yaqui communities to engage them in the sport. Mr. Flores also organized a men's baseball team "Los Yaquis" whom he managed for more than two decades and his wife provided many delicious dinners for visiting baseball teams. The Flores' spent a great deal of their own time and money to preserve the interests of the community by creating these positive outlets for this community to enjoy. Their selflessness is fondly remembered by many. We are honoring their lasting legacy and many contributions made to our Yaqui Community.

The baseball fields will be dedicated to the late Hector "Doc" Alvarez, a baseball player from Guadalupe that was admired by many for his athletic talent

and passion for the game. The softball fields will be dedicated to the late Sally Ann Garcia and Vicky Humo, two women who tirelessly worked hundreds of hours as players, coaches, and scorekeepers. A special dedication will be made for Eduardo "Whopper" Rodriguez and Tito "PeeWee" Valenzuela. Mr. Rodriguez is being recognized for the many years he voluntarily umpired for little league and men's adult baseball teams in Pascua Pueblo. He felt he had an obligation to help out the community primarily because of the children who played ball. He believed they needed to participate in organized sports and stay out of trouble. Mr. Valenzuela will be honored for his dedication to youth and his love of the game. He spent many years coaching the boys little league team and ultimately became an umpire. His animated and colorful expressions for calling strikes were classic PeeWee. He made the game more interesting and fun! The concession stand will be renamed after umpire Ignacio "Nacho" Armenta's legendary quote "You're out and you know it!" Mr. Armenta recently passed away. He will be missed but his memory and quote will live on. ■



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Angelita Romero

Dominique Sanchez

2016 Miss Pascua Yaqui & Junior Miss Pascua Yaqui

Congratulations to Miss Pascua Yaqui Angelita Romero and Jr. Miss Pascua Yaqui Dominique Sanchez! We are proud to have two wonderful, bright and motivated young women representing the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

Miss Angelita Romero is 17 years old and lives with her mother Modesta Romero, Gilbert Nunez and 2 brothers and 2 sisters. She was born and raised in Guadalupe, AZ. She feels honored to represent the Yaqui community as Miss Pascua Yaqui. Her goal after high school is to pursue a career in the nursing field and she hopes to one day work with the children at the Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Miss Dominique Ariana Sanchez is 15 years old and currently a sophomore at Cholla High Magnet School where she participates in the Cholla Swim Team. Her parents are Emilia Gonzalez and Robert Sanchez. She likes to play the guitar, sing and also do graffiti art. Her plans are to attend the University of Arizona - College of

Medicine become a pediatrician. Her dream is to come back and provide services to the Yaqui people not only here with the Tribe but in our motherlands of Rio Yaqui, Sonora, Mexico. She is very grateful for her elders and family for being there to support her. Most of all to her beloved Tia Jenny Murrietta for always encouraging her every year to participate in the Miss PYT pageant, even though she was not old enough. She was and always will be an influence to her and Yaqui role model. She is deeply heartened to be living this special dream with all the people she loves.

The Miss Pascua Yaqui Program is a program in the Department of Language and Culture. It is aimed at promoting the development and empowerment of young Yaqui women by providing them with the opportunity to build upon self-esteem and growth through personal development and professional goals, all the while instilling the value of our Hiak Lutu'uria Yaqui language, history, culture and traditions.

Pascua Yaqui Senior King and Queen

Thank you to our Senior Royalty Victor B. Robles, King and Rosalia Coronado, Queen for representing the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. We hope your experience was a positive one and that you continue to share your wisdom with our community. The next Senior King and Queen will be crowned on Federal Recognition Day September 18, 2016.

The Senior Royalty serves a one year term. They represent the Liogue Senior Center and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe at local, state and national functions and serve to promote and strengthen the Liogue Senior Center's presence and visibility. The Senior Royalty of the



Liogue Senior Center title provides the King and Queen with the opportunity to build upon and strengthen the elders of all Yaqui communities by representing and speaking on issues regarding the Yaqui elders.



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Attorney General 520-883-5106	Elections 520-879-5242	Health Department 520-879-5000	Land Use Department 520-879-6350	Public Defend. Office 520-879-5013
Casino De Sol 520-879-5361	Enrollment Department 520-879-5242	Housing Department 520-879-5890	Language & Culture 520-879-5939	Social Services 520-883-5060
Center Spirit 520-879-6060	Finance Department 520-879-5276	Human Resources 520-883-5040	Law Enforcement 520-879-5500	T.E.R.O Department 520-879-5669
Del Sol Marketplace 520-838-7000	Fire Department 520-879-5723 520-879-5720	Information Tech. 520-879-5800	Legal Services 520-879-5750	Tribal Gaming Offices 520-879-5669
Development Services 520-879-6303	Grants & Contracts 520-879-6322	Judicial Branch (Courts) 520-879-6276	Lioque Senior Center 520-879-5530	Yoemem Tekia Museum 520-879-5776

Guadalupe Directory of Services

Main Office 480-768-2000	Facilities Management 480-755-2502	Language and Culture 480-768-2060	Transportation Dept. 480-768-2076	COOLIDGE OFFICE 520-723-5080
Education Department 480-768-2082	Health Dept. CSP 480-768-2000	Legal Services 520-879-5750	Victim Services 480-768-2008	
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