

NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY

2013 NHA Annual Meeting 40th Annual Service Awards Banquet

July 23-26, 2013
Scottsdale Plaza Resort
Scottsdale, Arizona



Celebrating 50 Years of Housing




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GREETINGS

Message from the Board of Commissioners

Yá'át'ééh and Greetings!

 In behalf of the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, I extend an appreciation for your attendance and participation at this year's annual meeting and service awards banquet.

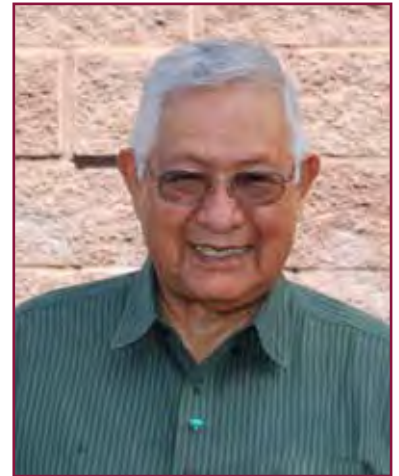
This week's agenda not only looks very promising but informative and enriching for our NHA staff. I hope you take advantage of the experience and expertise of the workshop presenters and the guest speakers.

We have an important task as the Tribally Designated Housing Entity: provide homes for our Navajo People and to do it with the utmost professionalism. The Navajo People are our customers.

I look forward to this week and meeting and reconnecting with many of you. Do not feel shy about stopping me, or any of the other members of the BOC, to talk to us. This is the time. Together, let's build a team to help make this year's 50th anniversary of NHA the most productive ever.

Sincerely,

Edward T. Begay,
Board Chairperson



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Message from the CEO

Yá'át'ééh and Greetings!

Welcome to the 2013 Navajo Housing Authority Annual Meeting and Service Awards Banquet at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Each year we hold these meetings as a way to connect to our NHA staff and I am looking forward to the many speakers and workshops that we have prepared for you. These workshops are designed to focus on customer service, leadership, healing, motivation and some background on the major initiatives that NHA is launching this year.

This is a special annual meeting as it also marks the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of NHA in 1963. We have faced many challenges from our legislators, HUD and Congress as well as from the general public. At the 50 year turning point it is now upon the employees -- the driving force of NHA -- to take us into the next 50 years.

We need you to help guide and implement the vision and mission of NHA and to expand the opportunities. It can be done because I believe in our workforce. I hope you take away from this annual meeting knowledge, new skills, a wealth of information, and a newly reinvigorated and motivated You!

Thank you for everything you do for the Navajo People!

Aneva J. Yazzie
Chief Executive Officer



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Message from Scottsdale Plaza Resort



I am delighted to welcome the Navajo Housing Authority back to The Scottsdale Plaza Resort!

At The Plaza, our mission is accomplished when we orchestrate a "Guest Experience" that far exceeds your expectations. The sincerest compliment we can receive is when our customers return ... again and again. We appreciate your faith in us!

Enjoy!

John W. Dawson
Chairman & CEO

Daily Agenda

July 23, 2013 - Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Travel Day
3:00 p.m.	Check-in
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration/Meet-n-Greet - Grand Ballroom

July 24, 2013 - Wednesday

5:30 - 5:45 a.m.	Stretching Exercises - Fitness Center
5:45 - 7:00 a.m.	Fun Run/Walk - Fitness Center
7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	General Session Sign-in - Grand Ballroom
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony and Welcome Address - Grand Ballroom
9:00 - 10:45 a.m.	General Session - Grand Ballroom
10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Effective Customer Service: Improving Our Role for Navajo Housing
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon - Grand Ballroom
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Block-A Breakout Sessions
2:45 - 4:15 p.m.	Block-B Breakout Sessions
4:30 p.m.	End of day Breakout sessions
5:30 - 6:30	Talent Show/Comedy Show

July 25, 2013 - Thursday

5:30 - 5:45 a.m.	Stretching Exercises - Fitness Center
6:00 - 7:00 a.m.	Fun Run/Walk - Fitness Center
7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	General Session Sign-in - Grand Ballroom
8:00 - 9:30 am	Annual Report
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Annual Report
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	Guest Speaker
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon - Grand Ballroom
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Block-C Breakout Sessions
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	BREAK
2:45 - 4:15 p.m.	Block-D Breakout Sessions
4:15 p.m.	End of work shop sessions
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Employee Service Awards Banquet Sign-in
6:00 - 8:30 pm	Employee Service Awards Banquet - Grand Ballroom

July 26, 2013 - Friday

5:30 - 5:45 a.m.	Stretching Exercises
5:45 - 7:00 a.m.	Fun Run/Walk
7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	General Session Sign-In - Grand Ballroom
8:00 - 12:00 a.m.	General Session
11:30 - 12:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks
12:00 p.m.	Dismissal Travel Back Home

Celebrating 50 Years of Housing



DAILY AGENDA

2014 NHA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

July 23, 2013 - Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Travel Day

Safe travels for all our Annual Meeting Participants

3:00 p.m.

Check-in

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Registration/Meet-n-Greet - Grand Ballroom

Dream Catchers movie (Tentative) - El Teatro

Light refreshments

July 24, 2013 - Wednesday

5:30 - 5:45 a.m.

Stretching Exercises - Fitness Center

Limbering up is important before any activity to prevent overexertion to your muscles.

5:45 - 7:00 a.m.

Fun Run/Walk - Fitness Center

Join us during this early morning awakening of the mind, body, and soul.

7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

General Session Sign-in - Grand Ballroom

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Address - Grand Ballroom

Honor Song

Richard Blackhorse

Posting of Colors

Navajo Housing Authority Staff

National Anthem

Sharon L. Yazzie, Window Rock High School Princess

Invocation

James Bennett, Procurement Specialist

Welcome Address

Roberta Roberts, Interim Housing Director, Tohatchi Housing Management Office

9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

General Session - Grand Ballroom

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Edward T. Begay, Board Chairperson

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Executive Updates and NHA 2014 Goals

Aneva J. Yazzie, Chief Executive Officer, Navajo Housing Authority

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Effective Customer Service: Improving Our Role for Navajo Housing

Jack Soto and Mellor Willie

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Luncheon - Grand Ballroom

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Block-A Breakout Sessions

1.) Arlene Benally - Professional/Family Wellness - Ballroom F

2.) Fred Bitsuie - Healthy Eating - El Teatro

3.) Vernon Swaback, Jeffery Denzak, and Kim Kanuho - Sustainable Community Master Plan - Las Palmas A

4.) Cielo Gibson - Native Home Capital - Las Palmas B

TRAINING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Building a Foundation for Success - NHA's New H.O. Programs

Across Indian Country, tribes are confronting the challenge of reduced federal funding and a continuous growth in demand for housing on tribal lands. The fact is that NAHASDA established a regressive funding formula – meaning that as time goes on, funding for Indian housing is reduced. This regressive formula was put in place by design and to, over time, reduce tribal reliance on grant funding. As a result, tribes across the U.S. have been designing and implementing programs that bring in new sources of revenue to pay for ever-increasing housing costs – programs that include mortgage lending. Despite the income and credit issues that affect many tribal households, success is possible. This workshop provides answers to questions regarding the new NHA Homeownership Programs that the NHA Board of Commissioners adopted in March 28, 2013. Just as important, the presenters will provide examples of how even very challenging tribal household income and credit situations can be effectively addressed with the types of H.O. programs NHA is now implementing.

Presented by: Dave Castillo and Ms. Cielo Gibson of Native Home Capital

Sustainable Journey of Beauty: Housing the Navajo Nation by Growing Sustainable Communities

The Navajo Housing Authority and Swaback Partners are currently working together on the largest Tribal Master Planning Initiative in the United States. A few years ago, NHA conducted a housing survey among the Navajo people identifying an immediate need for 34,000+ homes in 110 communities across the Navajo Nation. Based off the housing need, NHA began working with Swaback Partners to help create a Sustainable Community Master Planning Initiative that uses best planning practices to identify future potential housing development sites, design new housing prototypes and incorporate the proposed housing into a long term master plan that compliments the Navajo people, culture and way of life. Today we would like to share our story of the Sustainable Journey of Beauty. This session will provide information on how NHA is using their funding to house the Navajo Nation by growing sustainable communities and using smart growth principles for the future development of our Navajo communities.

Presented by: Vernon Swaback, Jeffery Denzak, and Kim Kanuho of Swaback Partners

Land Information Management System (LIMS)

This workshop will cover NHA's Land Information Management System initiative. The LIMS program will provide professional land & geographic information management services and floodplain delineation data assistance to NHA regarding home ownership title conveyance, housing planning and development activities within the five NHA housing development districts: Western Agency, Shiprock Agency, Chinle Agency, Fort Defiance Agency and Eastern Agency within the Navajo Nation. Furthermore, a development of an archive land management system will be required to store all NHA and housing provider housing development leasing, surveying data, archaeological, and environmental (floodplain/wetland) information within NHA. The strategy is to complete the development land information & management system that will function as an organizational tool to track all necessary archaeological/ environmental compliance updates, floodplain information, homeownership title conveyance, individual lot, reassessment of property boundaries and land imaging documents/system within the NHA properties.

Presented by: Dwayne Waseta

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Radmilla Cody



Photo: www.radmillacody.net

With an angelic voice of bluebirds singing, Radmilla Cody, traditional Navajo recording artist, Indie Award Winner, multiple Native American Award Nominee and international performer, continues to maintain Navajo culture by recording music that children sing with pride and lyrics the Dine elders can be proud of. Radmilla is a biracial woman who continues to touch the lives and heal the hearts of her supporters.

Miss Cody is of the Tla'a'schi'i' (Red Bottom People) clan and is born for the (Naahilii) African-Americans. Radmilla is the 46th Miss Navajo Nation from 1997-98. Born and raised in the beautiful and picturesque plateaus of the Navajo Nation, Radmilla Cody's childhood consisted of herding sheep on foot and horseback, carding and spinning wool, and searching late into the night with her grandmother for lost sheep and their lambs. The highlight of her sheep herding days was standing on the sheep corral singing at the top of her lungs with the sheep and goats as her audience. "All that

mattered at that time was the moment of living a dream", says Radmilla about her early life, which today has become a reality for the young musician.

A survivor of domestic violence, Radmilla uses her personal experiences to advocate strongly against the epidemic of violence. It is an issue she has become very passionate about. As a biracial person she attempts to communicate positive messages about her dual identity as children who are biracial or multiracial still bear the brunt of prejudice.

Radmilla is the subject of a documentary entitled "Hearing Radmilla", produced and directed by Angela Webb, which further explores Radmilla's journey as an activist and performer. The award winning film premiered at the Pan African Film and Arts Festival in February 2010 and has received national and international attention from various film festivals and conferences.

Radmilla has a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Relations with a minor in Sociology. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Sociology. In 2010, Radmilla was selected for NPR's 50 Great Voices, a year-long series featuring singers from all over the world. Recently, Radmilla was awarded the "Black History Makers Award 2012" from Initiative Radio.

Radmilla is grounded on a renewed foundation. "The Creator has given me the strength to look forward in life, to embrace the beautiful and the positive." - Radmilla Cody

ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDES

DREW LACAPA

This indigenous comedian who lives on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in east-central Arizona, is bustin' loose by combining Native folk tales, contemporary humor with an Indian flair. The result is an eclectic vibrant vein of rich humor of the American Indian.

Andrew "Drew" Lacapa, is an Apache Hopi Tewa, who calls himself a lover and not a fighter. He believes his humor is not discriminatory, in that everyone is worthy of being



teased regardless of ethnicity or religion. Through out the years Drew has been performing coast to coast and said, "I am honored to have been able to share the stage with so many of America's most talented people."

Drew has broadened his stage act from hosting pageants and parades to performing stand-up comedy at casinos, schools and conventions throughout Indian country. "Every event is always exciting, whether it be a prestigious University or an event for children, they are all equally important." His act personifies the hardships of Native people in this century. Drew's physical antics complete with costumes create a unique and hilarious image of indigenous people in present America.

There has been much progress. Drew has a new CD entitled, "A One Night Stand In Paradise". It was created with longtime friend Knifewing Segura at Paradise Casino in Yuma, AZ. There are many stories to tell and many places to go. It is Drew Lacapa's desire that his native spun comedy will continue to tickle the funny bones of anyone who dares to journey with him through the ethnic commonalities, differences and his unique perspectives of the American Indian. (Biography and photo source - www.nativestars.com)

MORE ENTERTAINMENT

NHA STAFF

TALENT SHOW

Thursday

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Drew Lacapa



Welcome to **Scottsdale** Arizona

RESTAURANTS

AMERICAN

REMINGTON'S	480-951-5101	Scottsdale Plaza Resort
Bloom	480-922-5666	8877 N. Scottsdale Rd.
El Chorro	480-948-5170	5550 E. Lincoln Dr.
Don and Charlie's	480-990-0900	7501 E. Camelback Rd.
Roaring Fork	480-947-0795	4800 N. Scottsdale Rd.

CONTINENTAL

The Chapparal Room	480-948-1700	5400 E. Lincoln
Palm Court	480-991-9000	7700 E. McCormick Pkwy.
Pinon Grill	480-948-5050	7401 E. Scottsdale Rd.
Elements	480-607-2300	5700 E. McDonald Dr.
Mary Elaine's	480-941-8200	6000 E. Camelback

ITALIAN

The Cove	480-951-8273	7001 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Veneto Trattoria	480-948-9928	6137 N. Scottsdale Rd.
La Locanda	480-998-2822	10201 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Un Bacio	480-609-6969	7704 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd.

MEXICAN

Garduno's	480-607-9222	8787 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Macayo's	480-596-1181	11107 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Ajo Al's	480-998-1734	6990 E. Shea Blvd.

ASIAN

Roy's (Asian Fusion)	480-905-1155	The Seville Shopping Center
PF Chang's China Bistro	480-949-2610	7135 E. Camelback Rd
Sushi on Shea (Japanese)	480-483-7799	7000 E. Shea Blvd.
Stingray (Sushi/Japanese)	480-941-4460	4302 N. Scottsdale Rd.

SEAFOOD

The Chart House	480-951-2550	7255 E. McCormick Pkwy.
Café Blue	480-946-6555	4175 Goldwater Blvd.

SOUTHWESTERN

Tequila Grill	480-941-1800	4364 N. 75th Street
Carlsbad Tavern	480-970-8164	3313 N. Hayden Rd.
Z Tejas Grill	480-946-4171	7014 E. Camelback Rd.

STEAK HOUSE

Fleming's Prime Steak	480-596-8265	6333 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse	480-991-5988	The Seville Shopping Center
Drinkwater's City Hall	480-941-4700	6991 E. Camelback Rd.
Morton's of Chicago	480-951-4440	5233 Kierland Blvd.

THEATERS

SCOTTSDALE PAVILIONS

480-991-1416
Pima and Indian Bend

Turn right out of the resort. Turn left at the first light which is Indian Bend. Follow Indian Bend east about 2 miles until it ends at the Pavilions Shopping Center. The theater is on the left behind Target.

SCOTTSDALE FASHION SQUARE

602-222-4275 #022
Scottsdale Rd. & Camelback

Turn right out of the resort. Follow Scottsdale Road south about 3 miles to Camelback Rd. Turn right on Camelback then right into the mall. The theaters are in the lowest level near the food court.

CAMELVIEW PLAZA

480-947-8778
7001 E. Highland

Turn right out of the resort. Follow Scottsdale Road south about two miles. Stay in the right hand lane. Past the light at Chaparral Rd., the right hand lane will veer right and become Goldwater Blvd. Follow Goldwater to the first light and the theater will be on your right.

SHEA LUXURY 14

602-222-4275 #040
NW corner 74th St. Shea

Turn left out of the resort and follow Scottsdale Road north about 3 miles to Shea Blvd. and turn right. Continue to 74th Street and turn left. Turn left into Shea East Plaza.

SHOPPING

BORGATA - The Borgata is a shopping experience of 40 specialty shops, galleries and restaurants.

Directions: Turn right onto Scottsdale Rd. and right at Rose Lane. (Drive time: 3 minutes)

Hours: Monday – Thursday 10:00am to 7:00pm, Friday, 10:00am to 8pm Sat. 10:00am to 7:00pm, Sundays noon to 5:00pm.

SCOTTSDALE FASHION SQUARE

MALL – Scottsdale's largest inside mall with a collection of over 225 retailers. Department stores include Nordstrom, Macy's, Robinsons-May, Dillard's and Neiman Marcus.

Directions: Turn right onto Scottsdale Rd. and follow 2.5 miles to Camelback Rd. The mall is on the right side on the NW corner of Camelback and Scottsdale Rd. (Drive time: 5 minutes)

Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00am to 9:00pm, Sundays 11:00am to 6:00pm. (Neiman Marcus store hours: Monday – Friday, 10am to 7pm, Sat. 10am to 6pm, Sunday, 12 to 5pm.

OLD TOWN SCOTTSDALE - A shopper's delight, nostalgic Old Scottsdale, founded in the late 1800's, comes alive with the blending of the old and new. Indian, western and souvenir shops dot the streets.

Directions: Turn right onto Scottsdale Rd. and turn left or right on Main St.- Just south of Indian School Road. (Drive time: 10 minutes)

Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00am to 5:00/6:00pm, Sundays noon to 5:00pm.

SCOTTSDALE PAVILIONS - A strip shopping center used by locals featuring Mervyn's, Target, Ross, Cost Plus, Shepler's Western Wear, Toys R Us, Book Star and other retailers, including movie theaters.

Directions: Turn right onto Scottsdale Rd. and turn left on Indian Bend. Continue through Pima Rd. The Pavilions is directly ahead. (Drive time: 5 minutes)

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm, Sunday noon to 6:00pm. Most of the department-like store hours are Monday-Saturday 9:00am to 9:00pm & Sunday 11:00am to 6:00pm.

PHOENIX AREA

PARADISE VALLEY MALL - An indoor mall with your favorite shops and department stores, such as Sears, Penney's, Macy's, Dillard's and Robinsons-May. Wonderful food court and movie theaters add to the attractions.

Directions: Turn Left onto Scottsdale Rd, and turn Left on Cactus Rd. Follow approx. 5 miles to the corner of Cactus and Tatum Blvd. (Drive time: 20 minutes)

Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00am to 9:00pm, Sundays 11:00am to 6:00pm

BILTMORE FASHION PARK - Featuring designer boutiques, world-class shopping, trendy restaurants, Macy's, Ralph Lauren, Williams Sonoma, Sharper Image, and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Directions: Turn right onto Scottsdale Rd. and turn right on Camelback Rd. and follow to 24th St. (Drive time: 15 minutes)

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10am to 7pm, Thursday and Friday 10am to 8pm, Sat. 10am to 6pm, Sundays 12 noon to 6pm

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