

ALPHA INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEETING 2010

Address by President: Andrea R Lord

GREETINGS – WE ARE JUST MOVING ALONG

LOOKING OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS AND RECOGNIZING THE WAY ALPHA INSTUTE HAS TRIED TO BE A LIVING BREATHING PART OF COMMUNITY.

BY THINKING GLOBALLY AND ACTING LOCALLY

IN CHANGING AND RESPONDING, AS WELL AS, KEEPING OUR EYE ON THE FUTURE.

I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT ALPHA INSTITUTE IS ORGANIC AND REFLECTIVE OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE

REFELCTIVE OF THE PAST IN THAT WE HONOR OUR ELDERS AND THE ELDERS OF THIS LAND,

OF THE PRESENT IN TRYING TO BALANCE OUR WORLD WITH RESPECT FOR THE MOTHER EARTH,

AND BY KEEPING AN OPEN MIND AND LOOKING BEYOND THE ACCEPTED STRUCTURE, WE HONOR AND WELCOME THE FUTURE.

2009 WAS A VERY TRANSITITONAL YEAR FOR ALPHA-A CONTINUM OF LAST YEAR

WE TURNED MORE INWARD.

LOOKING AT HOW WE COULD IMPROVE OUR OWN COMMUNITY AND LESS AT THE LARGER EXTERNAL ONE.

THOUGH ALPHA STILL HOSTS MANY INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES ON OUR SERVER AND

WE WILL GIVE A LIST OF THESE LATER

THEY CONTINUE TO COMPLETELY MANGE THEIR OWN WEBSITES.

THIS WAS A VERY LIBERATING STEP FOR THESE COMMUNITIES.AND WE SHOULD FEEL GOOD THAT WE WERE PART OF THEIR GROWTH.

AND L.ALEXANDRIA SHOULD GET A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR HER CONTRIBUTION AND DEDICATION IN MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

OUR RECYCLING PROGRAM IS ALSO IN TRANSITION.

HERE AGAIN WE HAVE TURNED MORE INTERNAL. MORE ORGANIC!

REALLY LOOKING AT WAYS PEOPLE CAN RECYCLE, INDIVIUDALLY. AS A FAMILY. NEIGHBORHOOD, COMMUNITY ETC.

HOW EASY IS IT TO RECYCLE?

WHAT WORKS? WHAT DOESN'T?

HOW MUCH SUPPORT IS THERE FROM YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT ?

L.SALADIN WILL GIVE MORE DETAILS SHORTLY

OUR *FOUNTAIN OF LIFE* EZINE IS UPDATED ON A DAILY BASIS, AND OUR WOMEN'S WEB PAGES AND MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OFFER A HELPFUL AND SUPPORTIVE APPROACH FOR WOMEN TO CONNECT TO THE FEMININE PRINCIPLE.

ON THAT NOTE

OUR WOMEN'S CIRCLE HELD 4 TIMES A YEAR IS GROWING.
L.RACHEL WILL GIVE A YEARLY SYNOPSIS IN A MOMENT

THIS COMMUNITY CIRCLE IS STARTING TO HAVE A CORE GROUP OF WOMEN WHO MAKE THESE CIRCLES A PRIORITY.

THIS LETS US BELIEVE THAT WE ARE HAVING AN EFFECT IN HELPING WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY CONNECT TO THEMSELVES AND EACH OTHER IN A NON COMPETITIVE WAY – MAKING PEACE.

WHICH IS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS ALPHA EXISTS – TO MAKE PEACE,

TO CONNECT TO OURSELVES, TO OUR COMMUNITIES
TO ONE ANOTHER, TO THE MOTHER EARTH
WHETHER ON THE GROUND OR IN THE AIR (INTERNET)

TO UNDERSTAND AND ENJOY OUR UNIQUENESS
TO SEE OUR DIFFERENCES AS THE SPICE OF LIFE AND NOT TO BE FEARED

SO AS THE YEAR TURNS SO DOES ALPHA'S FOCUS
KEEP AN EYE ON ALPHA - FOR IT COULD LIGHT UP YOUR FUTURE.

SO, THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SIT IN CIRCLE WITH US AND BEING PART OF THE ALPHA COMMUNITY.

PEACE.

2009 WOMEN'S CIRCLE ACTIVITIES

Presented Quarterly Community Women's Circles

- Circling: Creating Abundance Through Generosity, January 25, 2009
- Circling: Using Practical Magic to Create Your Sacred Space, April 19, 2009
- Circling: Developing Your Intuition , July 12, 2009
- Circling: Discover Your Animal Guide by Using Intuitive Powers, October 11, 2009

Monthly Electronic Newsletters

- January: New Year
- February: Color Series
- March: Vibrant Red
- April: Juicy Orange
- May: Joyful Yellow
- June: Go Green
- July: True Blue
- August: Mysterious Indigo
- September: Evolved Violet
- October: Metallics
- November: Pure White

December: Winter Solstice

Recycling – William McGuire

Computers –

Took part in two recycling efforts in Colorado in 2009.

Actually three if you count the one at the Aurora Mall on March 7 but because of the turnout was not able to recycle anything. Obviously the sponsors were not expecting the hordes of people and old electronics. We and along with most people had to return home with our load.

The first drop-off that worked was held at the American Legion Post #87 at 1427 Elmira in Aurora. At this event we contributed several computers, monitors, printers and assorted parts. They charged \$20 for the load and told me that they got enough money form the event to make it worthwhile. The other entity involved was A1 Electronic Recycling.

The other drop-off was at Goodwill near Chambers and Iliff in Aurora where we donated PC computers, printers, monitors, old televisions and even an old air conditioner. For general information Goodwill has partnered with companies like Dell and will accept computers etc for no charge and even provide a donation receipt for tax purposes.

This is the second year that AI did not accept any new equipment for recycling.

This is also the second year that we did not donate any computers to other organizations.

The indications are that this field has changed substantially. The organizations that are mainly involved in recycling seem to be crushing the equipment and doing very little transferring to people.

We continue as an information resource and advise people on places to go for recycling and have facilitated the transfers.

“The economy seems to be playing a part in this area as well as all the others – many people only want to donate very old junk or broken or old monitors, the rest being sold on places like Craigslist. Also organizations that previously channeled our recycled computers to their clients appear to be not using this resource.” From 2009 report and still true.

General Recycling

Printer Cartridges: Though most office supply houses (Office Depot/Office Max) take old cartridges and even give a small credit (\$3) another option is to reuse the cartridge by refilling. We tried one company (www.tonerrefilkits.com) for refilling of laser cartridges (HP LaserJet 1100). They sell the ink powder, provide specific procedures for particular models and tools for the process. The cost is substantially less and our experience over the past year is that the process works. One partial re-fill lasted almost the entire year and we are on the second refill of the same cartridge.

Glass Bottles: We have been recycling our glass bottles from the annex-office for most of last year and once again the economy has been a big factor in this issue. As we went from drop off place to place the ones kept shutting down – went through three in about six months all sponsored by El Jebel. Talked to a representative of the city of Aurora who said that the problem was that the recyclers could not make any money selling glass so the effort stopped. There are still two places left to take glass one at the dump (Waste Management) down Gun Club Road at Hampden and the other at 21710 E Arapahoe Rd in Aurora. Neither place is especially accessible though Aurora told me that they are applying for a grant to set up a recycling location in North Aurora.

Newspapers: Still being recycled at King Soopers and other locations.

Water: We set up a rain barrel in the shower room by the pool to use the water before it got hot to replenish the pool. And current thinking is that another rain barrel might be useful to catch the rain water off the roof to use for plants. (This is a controversial issue due to current Colorado law.)

Compost: We recycled an old compost bin and placed it in the yard next to the old garden. And purchased a recycling container for the kitchen. (09-0068 GRN LARGE COMPOST BUCKET (9.6 QT) GREEN1\$20.00 – From Gaiam)

Solar Project



We are continuing to monitor our solar system which continues to perform quite well.

The quick description is that four solar panels are powering the two main computers in the office. This is an off the grid system, complete with Kyocera 135 Watt (17.7 V / 7.63 A at rated output) panels, Outback battery controller and inverter, 4 L-16 batteries and assorted other equipment.

We also attended an event in Fort Collins this past summer where we were impressed by the home built wind generator from a local group. HMMMMMMMMMMMMMM

Web Site Support

NAMES Native American Multi-cultural Educational Education School
<http://names.indigenousnative.org/>

Midwest Treaty Network

Western Shoshone Defense Project

Indigenous Environmental Network

<http://www.ienearth.org/>

Programs & Initiatives

"A network of Indigenous Peoples empowering Indigenous Nations and communities towards sustainable livelihoods, demanding environmental justice and maintaining the Sacred Fire of our traditions."

Tonatierra uses email to send out alerts and notices

<http://www.tonatierra.org/>

Host to:

[America's Eagle](#)
[Black Mesa Water Coalition](#)
[Indigenous Environmental Network](#)
[Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
[Janet McCloud / Sapadawn](#)
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Himalayan Dental Relief
<http://www.globaldentalrelief.org/>

Smoke Signals
<http://www.indigenousnative.org/>

FountainofLight.net

Womens Circle News
<http://www.alphai.org/circle/index.htm>

Administrative Note: It was decided by the voting members to hold the Alpha Institute yearly meeting on the weekend closest to February 10 so that more people could attend.

Also notifications were sent out via text on the cell phone.

Discussion:

There was a lot of discussion about the changing nature of recycling common items like glass bottles http://www.fountainoflight.net/publish/article_5059.shtml. Increasingly the drop off spots are being closed down due to a combination of factors, some economic and some due to the use of the bins for plain garbage. El Jebel which had about four drop off locations in Aurora removed the bins and discontinued the effort.

The most available option is to use the services of a company like Waste Management and pay a fee or to use someone who already has the service as a drop off spot.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:15 PM, 2/14/09 by the Secretary at 2570 Sky Ranch Road, Aurora, CO 80011.

The meeting notes were discussed and approved unanimously.

5:15 PM (approximately) Meeting called to close by Secretary/Treasurer

This is a true and accurate rendering of the official yearly meeting of Alpha Institute held February 14, 2010 in accordance with the corporation by-laws.

Signed:

William E. McGuire
Secretary Treasurer
Alpha Institute