

TRIBAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

The following will be running for Chairperson: Robert Jackson Sr., Dave Kinsey, Jr., Trudy S. Clark, Monica Marquez, Siera Russell, Jane Russell-Winiecki, Hazel Siow, Thomas Beauty The following will be running for Vice Chairperson: Darlene Rubio, Raymond Trujillo, Henry Smith, Linda Evans, Lawrence Jackson, Sr. Primary election on July 30 are for the position of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.



Angelina Smith

I am the daughter of Norman and Priscilla Smith; I am the proud granddaughter of the late Ernest and Bernice (Sine) Smith. I come from a long line of honorary tribal leaders, my Grandfather was a councilman and my father was a councilman as well as the Vice Chairman of our Nation.

I grew up in the era where leaders demonstrated what true leadership embodies. I watched and learned from our past leaders.

These leaders have instilled in me the compassion for their people and the continued growth of our Nation. They have lead the Nation to some of the biggest successes in our history I would like to help continue to build upon the legacy they built for the Yavapai-Apache people, success has no expiration as long as we work together to move forward and remain inspired from our past.

I have been in the casino industry and I understand what is happening with our biggest revenue making venue. I have grown up in an environment where businesses struggled and overcame all obstacles. I have seen the Nation when we were relying on only hope and our dreams became reality. Our Nation succeeded in a World Class Industry "The Indian Gaming World".

I have witnessed an environment where businesses have struggled and overcame all obstacles. This has shown me that as a Nation we can overcome any obstacles as long as we remain determined, honest and always willing to educate ourselves and aim for success.

In April of 2015, I was elected as a Council person, as I embarked on this new

journey to become a Tribal leader I was faced with people who believe in me and I humbly offered the promise, the promise to remain open and honest as well as always willing to listen to concerns, taking initiative and voicing issues amongst my fellow leaders and community for the betterment of our Nation.

I knew a time where our Nation was relying solely on hope, and finally seeing our dreams unfold before us, in order to maintain our vision we must continuously work towards stability. We must have a plan for our future!

I realize that the economy and the way of life has changed and with that we need to move forward to keep up with ever changing society. The diversity is vast, the land and water are a good source of what we were given by our creator, and we must take care of them and never lose our source.

As a Council member I support and promote education, encourage our youth to be the best that they can be as a person. I have compassion and respect for our elders. They are our link to our history as indigenous people and most of all who we are today. My plan includes seeking housing for all members, as well as employment for our people.

I offer openness, honesty, leadership with integrity, and the ability to work diligently to improve the status of our Nation and our people. I want to encourage a positive change, while preserving our past and embracing our future.

In September when you go to the polls to vote in the General Election, please re-elect Angelina Smith for the Yavapai-Apache Tribal Council

Never in the history of the Yavapai and Apache people have we witnessed as much prosperity as we have today. And never have we faced as many challenges.

Our successful Casino keeps our government running for a full 12 months, instead of the former days when we'd run for 6-9 months only. The majority of our members are employed. We have built houses to replace the shacks our grand-parents lived in. We don't have to hunt rats in the desert or collect wild spinach as our grand-parents did, to try to fill our bellies. Almost each house has a car instead of the 1 or 2 we shared among families a generation ago. We have numerous pairs of shoes and changes of clothes for every season. What could we possibly complain of?

Although things are better than they have ever been, there are still unemployed members. There are still children that go to bed hungry. Many live from paycheck to paycheck. Programs still need cars, equipment, funding to continue. While we face these challenges and other serious challenges, the Chairman makes \$110,000. The Vice makes \$95,000. Together they made \$615,000 this term. In light of this, the Chair and Vice-Chair salaries must be cut. Some members suggest half, some less. Let the members be heard and decide as in other municipalities.

In addition to our leaders drawing overly-high salaries, without warning or following policies or procedures, members are being fired "at-will" by the Chairman. No verbal warnings. No written evidence. No review by HR. No board recommendation. No report to Council. No suspension. No more "at-will" firing! This must stop.

Transparency is also a serious problem. Elected officials sign a Code of Ethics which states "Government requires that its elected officials: Conduct public deliberations and processes openly, unless legally confidential under the laws of the Nation." Asking appropriate questions is not interfering. We are entitled to know what the officials we elect are considering and passing. This must be stopped.



Jane Winiecki

As the next Chairperson, I would ask, "What can we do to change and improve the Nation?" The next Chairperson should say, "I will drop my salary according to the voice of the people. I will follow policies and procedures and not abuse the powers of leadership. I will allow the members access and voice in all legal proceedings. I will work a full weekly schedule without excessive travel. I will do all I can for the welfare of our children, seniors and elders. I will help with housing for those that work hard every day. I will be aware that almost half our population lives off reservation. I will use my business experience to increase financial security. I will use my Council and community experience to run the government effectively.

I have started and run several businesses for the last 25 yrs, including originally wiring the Nation for phone and computers. I served on the Clarkdale town council for a term as well as several boards, including Yavapai College, Verde Valley Regional Economic Development Board, and the Sedona Cultural Center. I served as Chair for the Yavapai-Apache Economic Development Board for several years and most recently as Chair of Cliff Castle Casino Board of directors. Most importantly, my roots run deep here. I was born in Jerome to Ned and Bonnie Russell. I love our ancestral lands and people and everything we stand for. If you elect Jane Russell-Winiecki, you can count on a leader who will put the good of the community above all else.



Trudy Clark

My name is Trudy Sue Lewis Clark, I was born and raised in Globe, Arizona. I am from the East Verde Clan, my parents are the late Glenn and Nora (Hans) Lewis. My paternal grandparents are the late Dixon and Annie Lewis and maternal grandparents are the late John and Allie (Jones) Hans.

I graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration and also graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Masters in Accountancy. I am currently pursuing a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license.

I am currently employed with a regional full service CPA and business advisory firm as an Audit Associate that specializes in providing clients in various industries including tribal governments in analyzing financial statements, testing internal controls, reviewing tribal enterprises for fiscal responsibility and regulation, and audit grant programs for compliance. I have been performing such duties the last four years.

I have over 20 years of casino gaming operations experience, I have previously held the position of General Manager (Cliff Castle Casino) and Director of Internal Audit for Cliff Castle Casino and the Yavapai-Apache Nation. My current position and positions held previously have exposed me to have a working knowledge and understanding of the financial management of casino operations, tribal governments, and its enterprises.

I am seeking the Chairman position of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, I want to help bring stabilization and sustainability in our community through economic development, work on constitutional reform, culture preservation, and address the medical care and needs for the community. I will focus on account-

ability through transparency through open communication with and respect for the tribal membership. I want to lead our people in a direction that will increasingly prosper in all aspects from economic to culturally. I want to work on ensuring proper care of our elders, a better life for our future generations, and ensure protections of our lands, water and its resources.

I understand that my election to this position will be a mandate from the people to ensure that the tribal government operates effectively and efficiently. Efficiency and effectiveness must be made after a reasonable and logical evaluation of the tribal administration and enterprises; that they operate to maintain the Tribe's financial interests and investments with attention and care.

It is extremely vital that there is trust and reliance between the Yavapai-Apache people and their government. The tribal government must do their business with accountability and integrity in overseeing the tribal revenues, spending dollars wisely and to account for all dollars spent. Those who are elected into the tribal council must be held accountable and to provide the Yavapai-Apache people with information and promote a transparent government.

Another area vital to our people is our culture, it must be preserved and protected, we must study our cultural history and engage our tribal youth to be determined to continue in educating our history for generations to come. Our elders have protected our identity as much as they could and have established ways of educating our people.

The seeds of greatness are planted within all of us, God expects us to reach deep within ourselves and bring them to fulfillment. We need to use our time, talents, gifts, skills to serve others. God has a way of multiplying the impact and influence of these things many times over. With God's will, I intend to use my experience and skills to serve the Yavapai-Apache people with accountability and integrity. May God bless the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Lastly, I would be honored to serve as Chairman of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, it would be an honor to be your voice and be your representation.



Larry Jackson

I am a candidate for the Yavapai-Apache Nation Vice-Chairman and I respectfully ask for your consideration.

My mother was the late, Lucille Rose Keyope (Hopi) of Monekopi Village and my father is Stanley David Jackson (Apache) of Clarkdale, Arizona. I have three adult children, Bernadette, Monique and Lawrence Jr. and nine (9) grandchildren.

I was born in Los Angeles County Hospital in 1954 and lived in several different places before coming to the Nation at the age of 16 and have called the Clarkdale Reservation Community home since then. I completed High School and went on to attend Lamson Business College and subsequently worked for the BIA and IHS. Eventually, I returned home and enlisted in the US Army in 1981 and retired in 2001. After returning home once again, I have kept busy working and supporting wherever the opportu-

nity has allowed. I have served as the Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Clarkdale Reservation Community for 15 years and have worked as an AIMS (Arizona Instrument of Measurement) Tutor for the Clarkdale-Jerome School District, JOM Tutor (YAN), Accounting Clerk (YAN) and currently work as the Tribal Employment Rights (TERO) Office and Safety Coordinator for the Nation. In addition, I have been a Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentor, Yavapai College Foundation Board Member, Caucus Representative to the American Baptist Churches USA American Indian Caucus and was chosen as the 2010 Yavapai College President's Alumni of the Year. Over the years in the Army I completed an Associates of Science Degree from New York Regents College and upon returning home, an Associates of Arts Degree from Yavapai College in 2010. And finally, I am the Chaplain for the American Legion Post 25 in Cottonwood,

Arizona.

I am running for Vice-Chairman because I feel service to the Nation and its members is a wonderful opportunity. Through the years I have gained a wide range of administrative experience which would allow me to effectively support the purposes of the Nation's government and tribal members. I also feel that it would be a natural progression after serving in the Defense of the Nation, serving as Pastor in the Clarkdale Community, serving both, the Yavapai-Apache children and others as a mentor and tutor, serving as a volunteer on boards and in the larger community. It is this service that has taught me that service is not about power or authority but about humility, respect and selfless service. This is what I will bring to the Office of the Vice-Chair.

Respectfully,
Larry Jackson



Darlene Rubio

Dagot'ee, Mah hahm-jih-gah
My name is Darlene Rubio,

Thank you very much for inviting me into your homes and allowing me to introduce myself.

Born: Cottonwood, AZ to David & Cecilia Smith; granddaughter to Tom & Lilly Smith. I grew up on the Middle Verde Reservation with 4 brothers and 2 sisters. I have two (2) children and (2) grandchildren.

Education: Stewart Indian High School-Carson City, Nevada; Junior College in Tucson AZ and 2 years of Business Administration at Yavapai College-Clarkdale AZ. Including Certificates in Legal field i.e. Paralegal, Legal Assistant & Private Investigation.

Employment:
Vice-Chairperson-Yavapai-Apache Nation, 2013 to current.

Tribal Council member from 1996 through 2009.

Various positions within Yavapai-Apache Nation Administration that includes the Tribal Court, Health Programs and Casino / Gaming Operations.

Reason for Candidacy: Why am I running for Vice Chairwoman of the Yavapai Apache Nation? To continue to support the welfare of tribal membership in both a social and economic capacity for the benefit of our Nation and the people it serves. I feel a strong devotion to my Nation and while in office focused on concerns and issues affecting the people. I have an open caring mind to understand that there are everyday situations that impact the lives of our people and try to help that need through available resources of our tribal government.

Leaders should have compassion and

concerns for the lives of their people and voice their opinions in a positive way that is helpful to the needs of the member. Leaders should be honest and genuine.

I have witness the growth of our Nation and it has made remarkable strides within the tribal government to provide services that take care of the young and old, families of all ages within and off the reservation. Tribal Leadership must continue with the same foresight of our past leadership. Together we have to be innovative and creative to create a sustainable economy. We are a strong people and have overcome many adversities since our return to our homeland. I feel blessed and proud to be a member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation. We are a distinct people of (2) respected cul-