

TRIBAL ELECTION CANDIDATES



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 led 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



Jane Winiacki

Thank you very much for your support in the Primary election. How do we move forward now? The fight for our lands, our water, our Sovereignty and our very existence will continue for as long as we live on this land. But what is happening to our people today as we work to preserve our future? What work can we do now to promote the common welfare of tribal members? What do members want to see happen today? What are some of the issues I will focus on:

1. We must not ignore the high salaries of the Chair and Vice-Chair...when our children need funding for braces today, education costs are rising and need additional funding, our departments need additional employees and funding, our elders need attention, and we need housing for working members today. Why must we cut back on services when our leaders make 6 figure salaries?

2. We must not ignore that policies and procedures are being overlooked, allowing our tribal members to be fired at-will today, even though the practice was put into place many years ago for non-tribal employees. Moral is low and so work efficiency suffers.

3. We must not ignore the practice of excluding members from tribal proceedings, when the Code Of Ethics says elected officials must conduct public deliberations and processes openly.

4. We must look for other funding opportu-

nities through expanded Economic Development and Grant funding. The current budget is at its limit so it's time for more creative business practices.

5. We must recognize the many needs of our children and work to protect our youth from addiction and substance abuse. What is all this talk of our future if our children aren't taken care of?

6. We must realize that almost half our population live off reservation boundaries and they deserve a voice and benefits as tribal members. We need to expand our media options.

7. We should be discussing how to bring an elderly home and our own rehab facility to the Nation.

8. We must continue to support the efforts to update our Constitution.

9. We must create governing boards for existing departments such as Housing and Economic Development.

10. We must continue to expand our health care and social services. There should be more services not less.

These are a few of the challenges we face and there will always be more. Instead of continually cutting back, let us continually add to our resources. Please let your voice be heard and join with me in creating a new vision for the Yavapai-Apache Nation. Vote for Jane Russell-Winiacki as Chairwoman.



Trudy Clark

Hello my name is Trudy 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 John and Allie (Jones) Hans.

I graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration and also obtained an advanced degree and 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, mainly tribal governments in analyzing financial statements, testing internal controls and evaluate risks, reviewing tribal enterprises for fiscal responsibility, audit grant programs for federal compliance. I have performed such duties the last four years.

During the last four years, I have acquired a thorough understanding of the concepts of powers and checks and balances as a means of providing for a responsible tribal government. Our elected council members have a huge responsibility to their constituency (tribal members).

I have over 20 years of casino gaming operations and management experience. I have previously held the position of General Manager at Cliff Castle Casino and the Director of Internal Audit for the Nation and Cliff Castle Casino respectively. My current/previous positions have exposed me to a thorough working knowledge of the financial management of gaming operations, tribal governments, and tribal enterprises.

If elected to tribal council, I will strive to inform the people of our true financial situation, while working to pass the Nation's fiscal year annual budget. Our Nation's Constitution specifically states that, the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, each provide some checks on the others. This can be accomplished through being transparent and practicing due diligence. Too many financial decisions have been made that have resulted in massive losses (\$100 million plus) for the Nation, which will most likely not be totally recoverable. The last Annual Report provided to the members was in 2013, the members should be provided with the current financial information because the purpose for an Annual Report is to inform the tribal membership of the financial status and performance of the Nation. If elected, I will make this a priority. I believe that the tribal membership deserve to be informed of the tribal council's decisions in projects that would greatly affect the Nation financially.

In order to continue our self-determination into the future, the tribal council must use care and consideration in performing their due diligence in protecting the Nation's valuable resources, assets, and building better transparency. Our tribal sovereignty is the power of the people, we as a Nation, have the power to decide how to govern our lands, which is the foundation of tribal economic growth. This foundation must be strengthened.

The spirit of my campaign is to help improve transparency between the executive, legislative bodies and the tribal membership. If elected to serve as your public servant, I will focus on accountability through transparency and improving lines of communication. I want to set the tone for the Nation that we are all in it together!



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

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I want to thank each and every one of you who affirmed your support for my candidacy for the Vice Chairperson during the recent Primary Election on July 30.

For the past 3 years, as your Vice Chairperson I accomplished what I said I would do during my first term. I want to continue with the vital issues that are facing us such as the water settlement which needs our complete attention in the coming months.

With your continued support in the upcoming General Election, we, as a Nation, can go forward to continue to meet the goals we have established as a community and a Nation.

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 witnessed 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.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your elected Vice Chairwoman and ask for your support to continue to do the job in the next upcoming election.

Background:

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. Earned Certificates in Legal field i.e. Paralegal, Legal Assistant & Private Investigation.

Professional Experiences:

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.

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Thank you.

Darlene Rubio, your future Vice Chair.