



WA:k NEWSLETTER

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~ Jukiabig Masad ~

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Hello Wa:k Community, Hope all is well with you. Our Senior Services building will begin construction soon. We had our sunrise blessing & groundbreaking ceremony on June 26, 2018 and the clients can't hardly wait for the grand opening slated for next January/February. Breakfast was served after the ceremony. I want to thank those who came out early in the morning.

June 3, 2018 our seniors participated in the Corpus Christi celebration at the church with an altar and joined in the procession.

June 14, 2018 Miss Tohono O'odham Nation, Sarah Jane Arvicio and 1st attendant Amy Lynn Spotted Wolf, visited the congregate; they presented their platforms, shared their activities since being crowned, and Agatha Miguel escorted the royalty for their visit. Our elders shared the history about the San Xavier District to Sarah and Amy. Our cooks prepared a special lunch for them (tamales, beans, mac salad, and Jell-O). A group picture was taken (pic below), it was a good visit and we all enjoyed their friendship.

June 14, 2018 Harlan Moreno attended the Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) Quarterly Meeting in Prescott, Arizona.

Upcoming events.

- * Derby cars to compete in the Derby Car Racing in Ak Chin, for the 4th of July picnic in Maricopa, Arizona, scheduled for July 3, 2018
- * July 2, 2018, Mikey Enis will be at the congregate to show the clients on how to make a Saw: kud (gourd rattle)
- * July 5, 2018-- A documentary film called "Our Hearts at Standing Rock" will be shown to our congregate in the council chambers at 10:00am.



Happy 4th Of July

Surveying and Mapping

My name is Amie Pablo. I am a community member here at the San Xavier District. I will be temporarily assisting the San Xavier District Survey and Mapping Department as the Mapping Technician. I am grateful for the opportunity to work for the District once again.

In 2003, I completed my Associate's degree in Computer Drafting and Design. I assisted with mapping and converted hard copy digital maps utilizing AutoCAD software. I learned District boundary lines, sections, allotments, CO-OP, utilities, community structures, roads, hills/mountains, washes/river and cultural aspects, view all the physical features in the field.

In 2005, I obtained my Bachelor's degree in project Management. I got involved with survey calculations, creating legal descriptions and other District development projects and meetings.

In 2007-2012, I worked as the Assistant Planner in the Planning Department, and worked on the SXD/TON modular establishments, IHS sewer projects, revising the Wa:k Vision Document, Little Nogales Subdivision, White Goods collection event and a few others that still remain in progress.

I am happy to return momentarily and noticed how the District has grown over the years. Also, I am very pleased, to join the surveying and mapping team. I look forward to assisting the District to the best of my ability. Thank you for your time and wish you well in all future endeavors.

Field Survey Activity - The San Xavier District (District) Survey & Mapping Office and Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) participants continue to work on land surveying in the neighborhood of Sudagi Wo:g. The road and some homesite boundaries will be re-aligned; if a homesite boundary has to be readjusted to align with the road, there will be a revised legal description and further instructions provided upon completion of the project. Please be aware of worker's safety / warning signage; and if you have dogs, restrain them properly for their and worker safety.

Ha:san Cemetery – The Survey Crew will be tasked with continuing the plots layout and some ground maintenance. The current situation, road/pathways are obliterated due to uncontrolled traffic over plotted areas; and ground erosion is getting worse on the south east end of the cemetery.

Please be informed in advance, that our Survey & Mapping Team will begin on the design phase with an Engineering Firm to define the roads, pedestrian pathways and address the ground erosion. Meanwhile, please try to keep vehicle traffic on the road path and keep it trash free; also use caution if you see construction zone tape or lathe and do not pull them out.

Mapping and Survey services -Please stop by our office after checking in at the Receptionist desk during regular business hours: M-F 8:00-5:00; or call 520-573-4093/4096; or email us for Surveying & Mapping related services/questions to: jrios@waknet.org; apablo@waknet.org.

You have a busy schedule? Just call or email request for Map Request / Survey Request Forms; or request to pick up forms at the receptionist desk by calling in advance at numbers mentioned herein. If you need additional survey & mapping related information or personal assistance we are here to assist you.

Reminder!! Please do not remove wooden lathes or survey flagging.

San Xavier District Survey & Mapping Team

SMOKE ALARMS

All homes should have smoke alarms. The standard requirement is that all bedrooms and hallways adjacent to bedrooms have them. Only a smoke alarm in working condition can provide you and your family with the early warning needed to save a life. Let's consider smoke alarm maintenance.

- ⇒ Smoke alarms should be tested monthly. This is done by simply holding down the "test" button on the alarm. The alarm should produce a loud tone. If your alarms are wired in series with other rooms, all the alarms should begin to produce that same loud tone.
- ⇒ On a yearly basis, smoke alarms should be cleaned to free them from dust, bugs and cobwebs. This can easily be done with a vacuum cleaner. Also on a yearly basis, you need to be replacing your alarm's battery. Typically, they use one 9v battery.
- ⇒ Alarms have a usable life of 10 years. When you install one, you should make sure to date it so others will know the age. Once an alarm reaches the 10 year mark, it is best to replace it.
- ⇒ When a battery becomes low, the alarm will produce a "chirping" sound. That is telling you to replace the battery.

Be safe and keep your loved ones safe as well. Install if you have none. Replace batteries as needed or scheduled and test monthly.

San Xavier District, Housing Department

Natural Resources Department

Greetings Wa:k Community,

CEMETERY WASH DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

by Scott Rogers

For many years flooding has occurred within the District along portions of Cemetery Wash, endangering homes, threatening public safety, and limiting access to homes. A large portion of the area north and east of Black Mountain currently lies within the floodplain. During heavy rainfalls a large portion of the San Xavier community is cut off from fire, police, and medical services, affecting approximately 250 residents. This occurs because of flooding where Cemetery Wash crosses Mission Road and San Xavier Road, and where Mission Wash crosses Mission Road.

The Cemetery Wash drainage proposal involves the construction of flood protection dikes to protect homes along Mission Road and Sudagi Wog, and to convey floodwaters into Cemetery Wash and through the San Xavier Coop Farm. Also proposed are two concrete box culverts where Cemetery Wash crosses San Xavier Road and Mission Road, with road improvements on each side of the culverts. The proposal will likely include the re-alignment of Mission Road to eliminate the curve where it crosses Cemetery Wash.

In 2017 the Bureau of Reclamation obtained technical assistance funding and completed a portion of the design for the project (30%). The District is in the process of applying for funds from the SAWRSA 9B Farm Cash Out fund to complete the design work. The total to complete the Cemetery Wash project including construction is estimated at \$5.55 million. Be on the lookout for a future meeting regarding this project; it will be presented at a Community Meeting in July or August.

"SAVE THE DATES"

We will again have the ponds filled and water flowing in the streams at the Wa:k Hikdan on **Saturday, July 14th and Saturday, July 21st from 7am to 4pm.** Please stop by and take a stroll under the shade and enjoy the green scenery for the day.

We would like to thank Maurice Corella, Seasonal Grounds keeper for all the work he assisted us with at the riparian sites these past 4 months as his temporary position ends. The NRD staff is currently working on our 2018-2019 fiscal year budgets which will be presented at the Community Meeting in August. We assisted with the Young Women's/Young Men's Gatherings in May & June, it was great to see so many of our youth participating in this event. Our staff looks forward to teaching and training our new Summer Youth Workers in June & July.

If you have any questions please call us at (520) 573-4055, or you may also reach us through our main Receptionist at (520) 573-4000., or stop by our office

Sally Pablo, NRD Director

Planning Department

Community is invited to two I.H.S. presentations on proposed Second Well for San Xavier District on Thursday night, July 12 & at Saturday, July 14 Community Meeting in SxD Council Chambers

The Indian Health Service (IHS) would like to propose a location for a secondary 'back up well' for the San Xavier District West Water System.

The IHS through TOUA, is currently installing piping, equipment, and controls for the newly drilled well in the Emergency Housing area. This project was the result of a feasibility study completed in February of 2016 which recommended this location as the best available location to find a suitable water source.

The well under construction should be up and running in a few months. The current project has remaining funds which is available to construct a new second well. A second well is highly recommended as an extra safety margin to provide water during times that the first well is undergoing maintenance.

The second well's proposed location is within an existing TOUA utility alignment on the east side of Little Nogales Road across from Wa:k Lane. The IHS has recently contacted the San Xavier District Planning Department to initiate the planning process.

The Community & residents in the area of the proposed new well are welcome to attend the two I.H.S. presentations on the new well, on Thursday night, July 12 at 6pm, and on Saturday, July 14, at the Community Meeting at 9am, both in the SxD Council Chambers. As this project is going through the District's Development Review Process, the SxD Planning Department will be in attendance at these meetings as well.

THE PROBATE OFFICE HAS CHANGED THEIR OUTREACH HOURS AND DATE TO THE FOLLOWING:

THE PROBATE STAFF WILL BE AT THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM THIS MONTH:

THURSDAY, JULY 12TH, 2018

THE STAFF IS AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS FOR ON-GOING CASES, AND IF YOU NEED TO REPORT A CHANGE IN YOUR ADDRESS.

YOU MAY REACH THE PROBATE OFFICE AT THE FOLLOWING :

(520) 383-3339 (520) 383-2809 (520) 471-2461

Hello Wa:k Community,

First, I would like to apologize for not making a report earlier on the effects of this years Wa:k Pow-Wow under its new committee.

In February 2018, I was elected the New Chairperson for the Wa:k Pow-Wow Committee. At first I was not sure if I wanted this position knowing there were a lot of things that needed to be taken care of before, during and after the Pow-Wow.

As the feast committee members and other were discussing the Pow -Wow, they mentioned since Bettina Martinez and myself were the only original committee members left, and recommended we should be the officers. With that said, I told everyone that attended the February meeting that if I would accept the Chairperson position and that I would need everyone's help. Running a Pow -Wow is not a one person job, a lot of things need to be done.

I am glad to say that the Pow-Wow on March 17 & 18, 2018 went very well with just a few bumps we ran into. But as they say "you learn from your mistakes".

The Pow-Wow this year drew in a lot more people than what we were expecting to have. This was very good for the Feast Committees, the community and the Pow- Wow community. We had a lot more dancers and vendors than in the past years.

At this time, I would like to thank the following groups and individuals for helping out at this year's Pow-Wow. Like I said, help is needed when running a Pow- Wow. It's not a one person job. A BIG THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE HARD WORK YOU ALL DID.

Feast Committee Heads and Members - your attendance, donations and labor. San Xavier Council - Donation, Tobacco Barn- Donation, Chico Smoke Shop-Donation, The New Pow Wow Committee- Your attendance, donation, labor and patience.

I am looking forward for the 2019 Wa:k Pow-Pow on March 16 and 17th. If there are individuals out there that would like to help at next years Pow- Wow, we meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the San Xavier District Community Center. Or if you have any questions please feel free to call (520) 370-5196.

*Thank you Gloria Ríos,
Chairperson, Wa:k Pow-Wow*

"Vacant and term ending positions to the San Xavier District Council:

Recommending Committees, District Council Alternate positions and Legislative Alternate position, must be a District enrolled member and registered to vote"

- Finance Committee – (2) vacant positions, (1) term up for Kym Murrietta,
- Health & Education Committee – (1) vacant position
- Planning & Housing Committee – (1) term up for Marlinda Alvarez
- Council alternates: (4) vacant positions for Phyllis Valenzuela, Philbert Bailey, Dennis Ramon, & Tony Burrell.
- TOLC Reps. – Legislative Alternate (1) vacant position to Janice Felix.

Interested individuals from the community at large may submit a letter of interest to the San Xavier District Council department. The Council staff will notify you to be present at a future Council meeting to deal with your appointment by resolution to fill in the vacant positions. All vacant positions are being advertised in the monthly Wa:k Newsletter to the community at large must be a District enrolled member and registered to vote. District members may apply for more than one committee, the District Council and their Alternates may represent one committee. You may call the Council department for questions at (520) 573.4026, 573.4028 and 573.4006.

Greetings to all,

Prayers go out to you and your loved ones! I expressed in the last Wa:k Newsletter, that I would share more on the sweat lodge with all of you. Thank you for letting us share some of our life and knowledge about what we do here at the People Wellness House.

The sweat lodge is in a sense, our church, we build it with great care and prayers and we take our time in constructing a sweat lodge.

The lodge is made of 16 willows which represent the 16 great mysteries, 16 virtues in creation and life. Also, supernatural forces, 8 positive and 8 negative.

For this months' newsletter I will talk a little about the 16 Great Mysteries.

The 16 Great Mysteries involve the winged ones, the four legged, the root plants and the rocks.

There is a great teaching in the sweat lodge that most people do not know, this knowledge must be taught before and while conducting the sweat ceremony, this is how I was taught by the old ones who are in spirit now. I will continue to share a great deal more because that's what it is all about, sharing and healing of the people!

The 16 virtues involve the young, the women, men and, the elders, some of the virtues are honor, listening, generosity and, love most of all. There are also 8 positive and, 8 negative forces or supernatural forces, positive forces are the other planets in our solar system like Mercury, Venus and Mars. Some of the negative forces are whirlwind, double faced women and, double faced man and, the wind. So these are some of the 16 great mysteries of the (inipi) sweat lodge,

*With great respect, James Funmaker,
People Wellness House*



San Xavier District Council

**Meeting of July 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. –
Location Council Chambers**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Review and Approval of Agenda:
4. New Business:
 - A. Open
5. Chairman Activity Report:
6. Vice Chairman Activity Report:
7. Minutes:
8. TOLC updates:
9. Announcements:
 - ▶ District Community meeting scheduled on July 14, 2018 at 9 am.
 - ▶ District Council meeting scheduled on July 17, 2018 at 7 p.m.
 - ▶ District Council meeting scheduled on August 7, 2018 at 7 p.m.
 - ▶ District Community meeting scheduled on August 11, 2018 at 9 a.m.
 - ▶ District Council meeting scheduled on August 21, 2018 at 7 a.m.

All meetings will be held in the Council
Chambers and subject to change

10. Adjournment:



San Xavier District Community

**Meeting of July 14, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. –
District Council Chambers**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Call to the Audience:
4. Sgt. Justin Delgado, Tohono O'odham Police Department, San Xavier Sub-Station – Presenting the District's monthly statistics report.
5. Mr. Michael Alshuk, Indian Health Services, Mr. Mark Pugh, Principle Planner, SXD Planning Department – Presenting proposed Indian Health Services Community Well SXD-7 Project.
6. Mr. Scott Rogers, Hydrologist, SXD Natural Resources Department – Presenting the Cemetery Wash Project Design using the 9B Farm Funds.
7. Mrs. Carmen Mattias, Chairperson, SXDC Election Committee – Introduction of new voter application to be added to the San Xavier Voter List for Savannah Blackowl.
8. San Xavier District Council Staff – Presenting the Council department power point presentation.
9. TOLC Reports:
10. SXDC Reports:
11. Announcements:
 - ▶ District Council meeting scheduled on July 17, 2018 at 7 p.m.
 - ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on August 7, 2018 at 7 p.m.
 - ▶ District Community meeting scheduled on August 11, 2018 at 9 a.m.
 - ▶ Special Council meeting scheduled on August 11, 2018 at the end of the District Community meeting.
 - ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on August 21, 2018 at 7 p.m.

All meetings will be held in the Council
Chambers

12. Adjournment:



San Xavier District Council

**Meeting of July 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. –
Location Council Chambers**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Review and Approval of Agenda:
4. Unfinished Business:
5. New Business:
 - A. Mr. Mario Reyes, Director, SXD Finance Department – To present the Districts monthly finances report in closed session.
6. Chairman Activity report:
7. Vice Chairman Activity Reports:
8. Minutes:
9. TOLC updates:
10. Announcements:
 - ▶ District Council meeting scheduled on August 7, 2018 at 7 p.m.
 - ▶ District Community meeting scheduled on August 11, 2018 at 9 a.m.
 - ▶ Special District Council meeting scheduled on August 11, 2018 following the District Community meeting.
 - ▶ District Council meeting scheduled on August 21, 2018 at 7 p.m.

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Chambers and subject to change

11. Adjournment:



Date	Res. No.	Title
05/01/18	05-18-01	"Rescinding Resolution No. SXDC 10-12-24 as Requested by the Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association" Motion made by Dennis Ramon and second by Phyllis Valenzuela, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.
05/01/28	05-18-02	"Supporting and designation a Housing Sub-Division Income Program funded through Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association" Motion made by Dennis Ramon and second by Tony Burrell, tally results; 4 for, 0 Against, 0 Not Voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.
05/01/18	05-18-03	"Approving New Joint Project Amendment with the Arizona Department of Transportation for the San Xavier Road Pedestrian Pathway" Motion made by Dennis Ramon and second by Katrina Thomas, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.
05/01/18	05-18-04	"Approving of Applicant Melissa M. Moreno to be added to the San Xavier District Voter List" Motion made by Dennis Ramon and second by Tony Burrell, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.
05/01/18	05-18-05	"Denying Mr. Steven L. Garcia to be added to the San Xavier District Voter List" Motion made by Dennis Ramon and second by Phyllis Valenzuela, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.
05/01/18	05-18-06	"Appointing Mrs. Ella Begay to the SXDC Election Committee" Motion made by Dennis Ramon and second by Tony Burrell, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.
05/01/18	05-18-07	"Accepting the San Xavier District New Wage & Salary Compensation Study" Motion made by Dennis Ramon and second by Katrina Thomas, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting. Motion carried.
05/01/18	05-18-08	"Accepting the Minutes of April 3, 2018 as Amended" Motion made by Dennis Ramon and second by Tony Burrell, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.
05/15/18	05-18-09	"Transportation Enhancement Program, Design Plans by AECOM for the San Xavier Future Road Pedestrian Path and Related Features Project (Project Number: 0000 PM ITO SL698 01C; Federal ID: TEA-ITO-0 (204)(T) along the north side of San Xavier Road within the Tribal Lands and future BIA ROW" Motion made by Dennis Ramon and second by Katrina Thomas, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.
05/15/18	05-18-10	"Agreeing to Conduct a Closed Session for the SXD Monthly Finances Report" Motion made by Philbert Bailey and second by Katrina Thomas, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion Carried.
05/15/18	05-18-11	"Approving the Revision of the San Xavier District Financial Services Guide with Amendments" Motion made by Dennis Ramon and second by Phyllis Valenzuela, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.
05/15/18	05-18-12	"Allocation of SAWRSA CAP Water Recharge Long-Term Storage Credits with Nine attached Exhibits" Motion made by Dennis Ramon and second by Philbert Bailey, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.
05/15/18	05-18-13	"Accepting the Minutes of April 17, 2018 as Amended" Motion made by Philbert Bailey and second by Phyllis Valenzuela, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.
06/05/18	06-18-01	"Denying the New Voter Application for Mr. Andrew R. Garcia to be added to the San Xavier Voter List" Motion made by Phyllis Valenzuela and second by Dennis Ramon, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.
		Next SXDC meeting on June 19, 2018



WA:K SPIRIT



S-keg Tas Wa:k Community,

Our Summer Reading Program and the UA Summer of SolarPunk 2018 STEM Rise Arizona Program went very well. We served children 1st grade thru 6th grade. Both programs concluded on June 21st, 2018 with a Family Day Event Gathering. In addition to these programs, the Middle School/ High School STEM Program also took place at Sunnyside High School which began June 1st, 2018, and concluded on Thursday, June 28th with a showcase event of the students' projects taking place at the University of Arizona Student Union.

As our programs end, we encourage all parents, guardians, older siblings, and care takers to continue your child's learning process.

Howdy! Howdy! Howdy! And yes, we have been extremely very busy with our summer programs. We successfully completed our first session of our Infant/Toddler Program and we are looking forward to our second session which will commence on July 9th thru July 20th. With children 0-3 from 10:00-11:00 and 4 and 5 years old from 1:00pm-2:00pm.

Applications are available at the education center. For questions please call Gertie or Therese at 520-807-8621.

BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY

Hosted by:



Saturday, July 14th, 2018

Kinder-6th 9:00-11:00am

7th-12th 12:00-2:00

San Xavier Education Center

Raffles

Refreshments

Free School Supplies

This event is for San Xavier District students and parents of all ages (Kindergarten-12th grade) ONLY! MUST be accompanied by parents/guardians! For more information, contact San Xavier Education Center at (520) 807-8620.

Hello, Community Members:

Education Liaisons, Gloria and Loretta would like to, thank you parents for allowing us to be a part of your child's academic growth by having them attend the programs that are being offered here at the Education center.

Have a safe summer. Stay hydrated and limit your time outdoors.

Enjoy the monsoon weather that will be upon us. We need the rain!!

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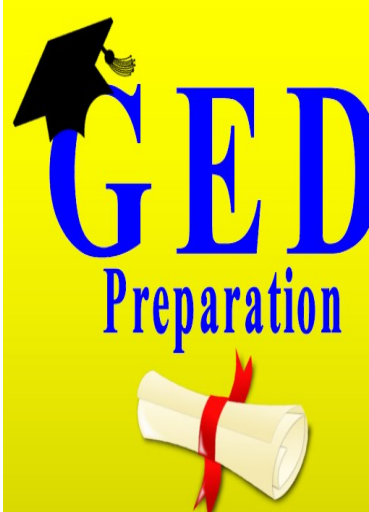
G.E.D. orientation, Thursday, July 05, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Classes start on Monday, July 09, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Education Center @ 520-807-8620 and speak to any one of the staff.

Save the date!!

"Back to School Rally"
Education Center

Saturday July 14, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. will be for students Kinder thru 6th grade
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. for Middle School and High School
This event is for students in the San Xavier Community.
Come on out and get your school supplies!!



Presented by Tohono O'odham Education One Stop Division and San Xavier Education Department

FREE online classes at San Xavier Education Center Classes scheduled to begin Monday, July 9th-August 29, 2018

Interested participants must attend orientation and complete a Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) assessment. TABE assess Reading, Math and Language levels.

Information Session:

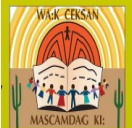
Thursday, July 5th
3:00pm at San Xavier Education Center

TABE Session:

Friday, July 6th
beginning at
9:00am-1:00pm at
SX Education Center



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FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OR EMERGENCY CALLS CONTACT TOHONO O'ODHAM POLICE AT 622-1587 OR 911

San Xavier Mission News



Women Healing Women Workshop:

10th Anniversary: June 29-July 1
Register with Aldea Lewis: 971-8007

- **Religious Education Office will be closed all of the month of July.**
- **Office will re-open August 1st**
- **Sister Carla will be in Wisconsin.**
- **Sister Rachel will be at meetings.**
- **Have a Healthy and Happy summer!**

Dear Friends at San Xavier District,

Thank you for welcoming me and making me feel at home on the Tohono O'odham Reservation for sixteen years. God bless you for enriching my life by sharing your traditions and way of life. You have been a blessing!

I will remember you in prayer as I accept my assignment from God to live and work at Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc, WI. The Motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity. (Yes, I will be shoveling snow and scraping ice next year!)

*Gratefully with prayers,
Sister Delores Vogt*