



Governor meets with tribal leaders: (From Left) George Tiger, Principal Chief Muscogee "Creek"; Governor Mary Fallin (R) and George Thurman, Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation.

## Oklahoma Tribes Discuss Tobacco Compacts With Governor

Tribal leaders in Oklahoma recently met with Governor Mary Fallin (R) to discuss their tobacco compacts and other issues.

The United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas (UINOKT) represents 25 tribes in Oklahoma whose compacts are expiring. The tribes are aiming to present a united front at the meeting today.

"The goal is for the state and the tribal governments to meet government-to-government, to build a strong relationship and in turn, meet on a regular basis to discuss our issues and concerns," Muscogee Nation Principal Chief George Tiger said in a press release.

The meeting was held at the tribe's River Spirit Event Center.

## John R. Thorpe Recipient of George F. Nolan Award

Chicago, Ill. - John R. Thorpe, former Principle Chief of the Sac and Fox Nation, was recently recognized for his Outstanding Lifetime Service to the Sac and Fox Nation and for his contributions that helped to strengthen government to government relations among Indigenous Nations and the Federal Government in tribal self- government, economic and business development, health and social program services, particularly in Indian housing.

Each year during their annual convention and trade show, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) recognizes a woman and a man whose work exemplifies significant accomplishments and long length of service to Indian country by presenting the Virginia Kizer and George F. Nolan awards.

These prestigious awards are named after: Virginia Kizer, Washoe Nation (Nevada). Virginia spent more than a quarter century of her life advocating for safe, quality, sanitary housing for Indian Nations. She served 10 years on the NAIHC Board of Directors (1988-1998). George E. Nolan, Saul Ste. Marie, Band of Chippewa (Michigan) is remembered for his spiritual energy and passion, his ability to inspire others, while serving as

NAIHC Chairman, Board of Directors from 1989-1992.

On Wednesday evening, May 22, 2013, during the annual NAIHC banquet attended by more than 400 tribal housing representatives from across the United States, John R. Thorpe, Sac and Fox Tribal member, former Sac & Fox Housing Authority Executive Director and former resident of Shawnee Oklahoma, was recognized for his lifetime of service in the preservation of tribal lands, development of tribal resources to develop tribal enterprise, improvement of quality health care, development of recreational outlets and facilities for tribal youth, restoration and preservation of tribal culture, better facilities for tribal elderly, and preservation of cultural activities and beliefs within the Sac and Fox Nation, and most notably his years of service in Indian housing.

Current Executive Director of the Sac & Fox Housing Authority Billy Komahcheet was given the honor of making the presentation as well as accepting the award in memory of John R. Thorpe. Members of the Sac & Fox Housing Board of Commissioners; Vice-Chairperson Gwen Switch and Secretary Barbara Hawkins-Ramos were present to witness the event.

# SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

**Saturday, July 13, 2013**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 Noon**  
 During  
**The Annual Sac and Fox Nation Pow-Wow**  
**Sac and Fox Nation Gym**  
**Continental Breakfast**

## Sac and Fox Nation Women's Auxiliary

The Sac and Fox Nation Women's Auxiliary meet the 3rd Thursday every month at 6:00 p.m. We have a pot luck dinner at every meeting. Our meeting locations alternate from the Stroud-Elder's Building to the Shawnee-Multi Purpose Building. If anyone needs information, they can contact Shawna Spoon by phone at 405-275-2581 or by e-mail at [shawnaspoon@att.net](mailto:shawnaspoon@att.net).

**Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Presents First Nations Competitive Games (Allied Member)**

**August 2nd, 3rd and 4th**

Hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation  
 Directed by Tracy Peltier, AAU First Nations Representative

**Students:**

- Must be an enrolled member of one of the 39 tribes in Oklahoma
- Must be 12-15 years old
- Must be a member of AAU to compete
- May compete in more than one event

**Schedule of Events**

**August 2, 2013 - Golf**  
 Firelake Golf Course  
 1905 S Gordon Cooper Dr

**August 3, 2013 - Softball & Baseball**  
 Ball fields @ Firelake  
 18160 Rangeline Rd

**August 4, 2013 - Bowling**  
 Firelake Bowling Center & Arcade  
 40945 Hardesty Rd

**Registration will start sharply at 8:00 a.m.**  
**All events start sharply at 9:00 a.m.**

Registration for AAU will be conducted on site the morning of each event. The AAU membership fee is \$ 16 and includes an insurance policy for medical coverage during the athletic event. CPN is not charging an entry fee.

For questions, please contact Allana Gay at 405-275-3121, ext. 1454. If you cannot reach Ms. Gay, please contact : Dennette Summerlin at 405-275-3121, ext. 1103.

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**SAC AND FOX NATION ELECTION BOARD**  
 P.O. BOX 240  
 STROUD, OKLAHOMA 74079

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