

Native North Omahans Connecting

Just My Opinion

By Phyllis Hicks

Interim Publisher

It has been a very long time since I have attempted to put my thoughts and views on paper for the many Omaha Star readers and supporters. This is a happy article telling you about an awesome experience I had last month.

October 6 – 8, 2017 me along with a couple of friends travelled to Dallas Texas, to participate with the Native Omahans in Texas's annual greet and meet and picnic. In addition to three of us who reside in Omaha, there were others such as Brenda Council, who told me about this event a couple of years ago. She said it is always a great time to see old friends from Omaha who live in Texas. Little did I know, there would be so many people there?

The weekend began with a Greet and Meet party near the Six Flags and the Football Stadium which was the first time to see many friends from the past. On Saturday, the picnic was held and there were so many people there, we completely filled the shelter we reserved.

The food came from all the Texans and Brenda did her usual as I understand it, Bar B Que featherbones, which until recently were not available in Dallas at the grocery store. She grilled them herself that morning before the picnic.

Sunday the activities ended with a brunch, but I did not attend that, I understand it was a great time as well.

The main point of this story is to let you know that although many people have moved away from Omaha, they still feel connected and want to keep in touch. This is not the only community across the USA that connects Native Omahans. Last year 2016, the West coast group hosted a Native Omahan weekend reunion in Las Vegas, NV. I was able to attend that one as well. The west coast group consist of Las Vegas, Phoenix, Los Angeles and other cities. This groups meets the off year of the original Native Omaha Days Celebration in Omaha that is every other year. The Next one will be 2019 in Omaha.

Hopefully, more Native Omaha Groups will form and maybe someday, we can have an extended activity after the Bi-annual one in Omaha, with something like a cruise for Native Omahans from across the country. Something to think about.