

# GILA RIVER ROYALTY NEWSLETTER

## Gila River Royalty Committee

### Read more about 2009-2010 Miss Gila River and Jr. Miss Gila River

This years' Gila River Royalty Pageant was held on March 14, 2009 at Sacaton Middle School and was a success, with a surprising turn out of Community members, family, friends, guests and visiting Royalty. Out of the six contestants vying for a Royalty title, only one was chosen to be the reigning Miss Gila River and another was chosen to be Jr. Miss Gila River.

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Greetings from the Gila River Royalty Committee, it is our on-going task to arrange, schedule and organize the Community events and public appearances of the Gila River Royalty. This is our first newsletter highlighting the activities of Miss Gila River, Jr. Miss Gila River and their attendants.

*The mission of the Gila River Royalty Committee is to preserve the culture and traditions of the Akimel O'odham and Pee-Posh women through personal growth and development.*

### A New Year, A New Committee

With the selection of new Royalty comes the appointment of a new Royalty Committee. Committee Officers are: Lena Rock-Chairperson, Isaac Navajo-Vice Chairperson, Diana "Nikki" Antone-Secretary/Treasurer, and Committee Members: Arlene "Joyce" Hughes, Corrina Pino and Kelly J. Whitman.



The Gila River Royalty this year is as follows: Miss Gila River, Daryl Lynn Jay (Middle), with 1<sup>st</sup> Attendant Kristen Dosela (Left) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Attendant Marilyn Gavin (Right).

The Jr. Miss Title belongs to Starsha Dosela (Middle), with her 1<sup>st</sup> Attendant Lorena Chashchin (Left) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Attendant Corey Whitman (Right). The Royalty Committee is trying to make their reigning year memorable.

### 2009 Miss Indian Arizona Pageant

We are pleased to announce that Miss Gila River Daryl Lynn Jay will be representing the Community at this years' Miss Indian Arizona Pageant to be held at the Mesa Center for the Arts, in Mesa, Arizona on Saturday, October 10, 2009. Come out and support Miss Gila River!



### Up-Coming Events

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| 9/05/09  | 144 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mustering-In Day, District 7 Ball Park.         |
| 09/12/09 | District 1 – 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Recognition Day Celebration. |
| 9/12/09  | National Kids Day Celebration at District 6 Boys and Girls Club.         |
| 9/19/09  | Indian Days Pow-Wow, District 3 Ball Field.                              |
| 10/10/09 | Miss Indian Arizona Pageant, Mesa Center for the Arts, Mesa, AZ.         |



## 2009 Miss Gila River Daryl Lynn Jay

Hello!! My name is Daryl Lynn Jay I'm 22 years old and am from District 6, Komatke Village. I'm the daughter of Michael and Priscilla Jay. I have 2 brothers and 1 sister. My Paternal Grandparents are Vernon and the late Rema Jay. My Maternal Grandparents are the Late Richard and Ethel Parchcorn and am the proud great granddaughter of The Late Andrew Jay and Elenor Jay and The Late Jasper and Daisy Baptisto.

I am currently an employee of the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa where I am a Cultural Ambassador and have the honor of sharing our O'Odham and Pee-Posh culture with resort guests. Aside from work I am a student at Scottsdale Community College where I am finishing my Associates degree and look forward to continuing my education at Arizona State University majoring in Communications. I am honored and proud to serve as this years Miss Gila River 2009-2010 and look forward to representing our beautiful Community and beautiful people.

Thank you and God Bless!



## 2009 Jr. Miss Gila River Starsha Dosela

Skug Tash! My name is Starsha Angel Dosela. I am 17 years old and represent Chi Chi No - Coop Village of District 6. I am the daughter of Arvis & Lorraine Dosela and I have 4 siblings, 1 brother and 3 sisters. My maternal grandparents are Roland & Carol Golding and Fred Wesley. My paternal grandparents are the late Frank & the late Sally Dosela. My maternal great-grandmother is Myrtle Pete. I currently attend Cesar Chavez High School where I am a senior. I currently serve as co-president of the Cesar Chavez High School United National Indian Tribal Youth Council, participate in various school organizations, and enjoy writing for "The Writing on the Wall", the Cesar Chavez High School Newspaper.

My goals for the future are to pursue a career in the medical field and to vie for the title of Miss Gila River. My desire is to represent the Community with utmost dignity through the example I set for others based on my morals & values. Thank you for this opportunity.

## Do you want to become future Royalty?

The Gila River Royalty and Royalty Committee are actively seeking contestants within the Community for the up-coming 2010 Miss Gila River Pageant. Please contact the current Royalty, the Royalty Committee or the Public Information Office.



To contact Miss Gila River & the Gila River Royalty Committee:

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\*If you would like to request an appearance of Miss Gila River, please send a formal letter or invite by email or letter to one of the addresses listed above. Please include the nature of your event, date, location, the duration of Royalty appearance, and any special request for performances by Miss Gila River. All Royalty appearances and participations must be approved by the Royalty Committee.