

# Dorothy A. Kiyukan



Dorothy Kiyukan, also known as Scootie and has the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation name of Wiche Quah, and who is a proud Thunder Clan member. She also carries a Dakota name of Cante Waste Win “Good Hearted Woman”. Dorothy went to Concho Indian School in Concho, Oklahoma and on to Marty Indian School, Marty, South Dakota where she found her adopted/Hunka ceremony family Francis and Shirley Bernie. Her Foster mom who will always be in her life is Altine (Zephier) Mace; they all remain close to her even up to today. Her mother is Julia Ann Lewis of Mayetta, KS. Dorothy is married to Martin Tom Ziegler of Lower Brule, SD, and has two children of her own through a previous marriage, Julia and Lawrence Kiyukan, Jr. Dorothy has extended family as well and has counted 13 children in all, giving her lots of grandbabies and great-grandchildren. Dorothy went on to Dakota Wesleyan University and then on to the University of South Dakota where she obtained her Master’s Degree in Educational Psychology, Guidance and Council in both Community and Agency. She returned to Marty as the Intense Residential Guidance Director, and switch to the High School Guidance Counselor, Acting Principal and at times

provided oversight of the School, as they actively recruited a Superintendent. Dorothy is a former “Dakota Indian Foundation” recipient. Throughout her career travels, she worked for Wagner Community School, Wagner, South Dakota as the Cultural Education Coordinator. She went on to be the Tribal Liaison at the South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations. She became a Clinical Specialist for Capital Area Counseling, Pierre, South Dakota working with child of trauma in South Dakota State Foster Care. Throughout this time she was also the Social and Academic Counselor for the University of South Dakota Upward Bound Program, Vermillion, South Dakota and a college Instructor at the Ihanktonwan Community College/Sinte Gleska University, Marty South Dakota. Dorothy moved to Kansas, on the reservation where her people came from. She began working for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort PBP Tribal Gaming Commissioner. Dorothy has received numerous recognitions both on a State Level and National Level. She was given a “Dorothy Kiyukan” day in the State of South Dakota, and she was named the National Indian Educator, as well as South Dakota Indian Educator. Dorothy has had a strong voice in Indian Country and she helped create the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards, a curriculum for School Districts in South Dakota. She has been a Keynote Speaker, Consultant, and friend to many of us. She is a role model, advocate, professional, and she will always greet you with a smile and a warm heart. Dakota Indian Foundation wants to recognize Dorothy Kiyukan (“Scootie”) as another success story—determination, perseverance and hard work have led to Dorothy’s many achievements! Dorothy currently sits on the Board of Directors for a Forestry Camp in Overland Park, Kansas that meets at Kelly’s Art Gallery.