CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chairman Delores Pigsley

This past month has been particularly interesting. The Tribal Council has interviewed and selected the general manager for the tribe, the general manager for Chinook Winds, and the Tribal Court chief judge, as well as associate judges. I will give you some background for each one.

Congratulations to tribal member Brenda Bremner for being selected as the tribe s general manager. She had worked for the tribe as the assistant general manager most recently, worked as executive director for the South Puget Inter-Tribal Planning Agency, and was the athletic director and PE/Health teacher at Chemawa Indian School. Brenda graduated from the College of Great Falls in Great Falls, Mont., and received a Bachelor of Science degree.

Gordon Dickie has been named general manager of Chinook Winds. He previously was the director of gaming operations at Chinook Winds. He brings a wealth of experience in regulation and management. He was director of security and surveillance at Harrah s in Las Vegas, served on the Nevada Gaming Control Board Undercover Team, and was hired by the Hilton Corporation in 1985 and worked in all facets of gaming and hotel management. We look forward to working with Gordon. He has been a great addition to the casino management team.

At a recent council meeting, the position of chief judge was filled by Judge Calvin Gantenbein. As most of you know, Judge John Roe resigned from his position because of health problems, effective July 19 (see photos on page 14). John is to be commended for the time he devoted to Tribal Court. We wish him well in his retirement.

Because the number of tribal legal issues has increased and court cases seem to be more complex, the Tribal Council adopted new rules to establish a more effective and efficient judicial system. All judges, under the new system, must have a law degree from an accredited law school. Judge Gantenbein has served as judge pro tem and as an appellate judge in our court. He has many years of experience as a judge and a policeman. He is a much-welcomed addition to our court system.

Most of you know LeRoy Wilder, who was general counsel for the tribe several years ago. LeRoy was hired to work on special legal projects, one of which is the tribal court system. He also will focus his attention on environmental and economic development projects. LeRoy is a great addition to our legal staff. He brings lots of experience and innovation.

In next month s edition of Siletz News, we will devote a full report on the changes in Tribal Court.

To the editor:

Heads are a rollin .

I think it is time to tell the people who get tribal happenings from the newsletter what is going on. It would seem we have our own Little Bosnia right here in Siletz. In this case, however, our ethnic cleansing is not racial or religious, but political. Since the change in our tribal government (after the illegal recall), it seems that our general manager has her own cleansing agenda. Don t get me wrong, I am not naive enough to think she is doing the house cleaning on her own. I am sure she is only following orders from above.

Tribal administration s hit list :

Toni Matt - Maybe not qualified for the position, but what happened to the guy who put her there and was directing her? She was fired and he got a promotion.

Dennis Goss - He had to go; too many people were being made responsible for their positions.

Kent Strickler - A tribal member who current Council felt was not qualified although he has a degree in business administration, but had to go to make room for the volleyball coach.

Cindy Viles - Tribal member. The last name says it all; besides, she talked against the council!

Lorie Johnson - Tribal member. Again, too outspoken against tribal dictatorship.

Allen Hicks - Forced to resign; could not follow inept leadership.

Richard Persons - Did not conform; in a position to see and hear too much about tribal monies.

Forced resignations from Chinook Winds:

Ron Vargas - Excellent administrator, college educated, but position was needed to award chairman s loyal and personal friend.

Ralene Butler - Tribal member. Again, the name says it all; also in a position to see and hear too much.

Tim Viles - Tribal member. Again, the last name does it; besides, he had access to all monies, figures, and knew too much.

Tom Davis - Could not (or would not?) follow orders from Gaming Board (Tribal Council).

You know, folks, when I was on the Council, they nicknamed us the firing squad. But the only people fired were our former CEO and former tribal attorney. The assistant CEO position was riffed, and as there currently is not an assistant CEO, then the position is not needed.

One last thought for you. Jobs are being awarded, money settlements are being given, big money has been spent to keep former Tribal Council people from obtaining unemployment benefits (another case lost by the tribal attorney and many thousands of dollars spent).

Some of you loyal supporters better keep in mind that loyalty seems too one-sided in this tribe.

And, lo and behold! it seems STEDCO is on the move again! Is this progress?

C.W. Case, Sr.

Help find the

Missing Moccasins.

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