

## Circle of Wisdom 2002

by Kathryn Dick

The *Circle of Wisdom* Elders Gathering was held at Chinook Winds Casino on April 9, with 267 elders attending. Everything went well and we all had a great time.

Andrew Joseph, our Portland area representative for the National Indian Council on Aging, spoke about the changes taking place nationally with the Council on Aging. Our own elder, Walt Klamath, was the master of ceremonies and did a wonderful job. I appreciate his willingness to be the emcee.



Andrew Joseph

We all enjoyed the stories and jokes he shared. Our elders gave gifts to each elder who attended and the Siletz Community Health Clinic provided carnations for all the women to promote the Women's Health Program.

Lisa Taylor, a nurse practitioner from the clinic, shared several "Health Tips to Remember." Connie Delisio and Jodie Greene, also from the clinic, were on hand to do blood pressures and blood sugars.

We had plenty of entertainment, including Shannon Rackowski and four of her students from Siletz who hula danced for us. It was great fun and they got some men from the audience to join in. Esther Stutzman told a story and then a great band from Newport, The Bartow Band, performed during dinner and until 9 p.m. The band played a wide variety of music and we even had some dancers.

A special thanks to all committee members for all the planning and hard work that went into making this a successful gathering and for all the gifts that were made, purchased, and donated. The centerpieces and claypot dolls were beautiful, and the food and service were great.

**Elder Council Meeting**  
**June 8, 2002**  
**2 p.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**Chinook Winds Casino**

## Another Year of Wisdom Happy Birthday!

Julie Adams, 6/11	William Hudson, 6/30
June Austin, 6/9	Donna Kessinger, 6/26
Monte Boe Jr., 6/17	June LaGrew, 6/25
Julie Chavez, 6/4	Jodene Lane, 6/12
Edward Collins, 6/27	Victor Larsen, 6/18
James Cook, 6/22	Leonard Logan, 6/12
Michael Darcy, 6/24	Frances Lorello, 6/30
Andrew Delgado, 6/30	Margaret Martin, 6/15
Ronald Depoe, 6/13	Allen McClintock, 6/30
Margaret Erickson, 6/10	Donna Navarro, 6/27
Jean Garrett, 6/27	Victoria Nelson, 6/8
Martina Gilbert, 6/15	Robert Reed, 6/13
Mary Girard, 6/11	Lester Simmons, 6/20
Josephine Gonzales, 6/10	Germaine Stratton, 6/4
Victorine Harrison, 6/19	Sonia Taylor, 6/21
Betty Helmig, 6/25	Leah Towner, 6/21
Mary Hudson, 6/1	William Whalen, 6/27



Above: Barbara Riggs (l), Marie Chapman, Carol Blomstrom, and Donna Holmes enjoy the elders gathering. Below: Shannon Rackowski (l) leads hula students Karen Bell (c) and Sara Bell (r) and others in hula dances.



## Summer Internships Available

This summer, the tribe is offering six short-term summer internships for college students, with a preference for students entering their third year of school or above. These internships are paid positions, up to 360 hours maximum.

Interns will be placed in departments within the tribal organization to complete a specific project. The internships are meant to provide hands-on experience to our tribal students in their field of study, while providing assistance to tribal departments with specific projects.

All students enrolled in the tribe's Higher Education program who are entering their third year of school or above will receive an application. If you do not receive one in the mail, please contact Ramona Fisher at 541-444-8373 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 373. Students need to provide a copy of their transcripts with their application.

Deadline for submission of applications is 4:30 p.m. on June 14, 2002. Applications will be screened and selections made by June 21, with a tentative start date of July 2, 2002.

## Cultural Day Camp Coming Up

Cultural day camp will be held on July 23-26, 2002, on Government Hill in Siletz, Ore. Cultural classes will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. daily.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for camp, please contact

Selene Rilatos, cultural programs, at 1-800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532, ext. 246; Craig Whitehead, Cultural Heritage Committee chairman, ext. 230; or Mona Fisher, education specialist, ext. 373.