

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I would like to begin my report by commenting on events that recently occurred and are soon to come that are of significance to the Siletz Tribe.

Our Memorial Day ceremony again was a day to remember friends and relatives who are no longer with us as well as a day to remember and honor the many tribal veterans who served our country. It was fitting that the event was held at the site of the Siletz Veteran's Memorial, where Jessica Werth moved us by playing *Taps* on her trumpet, and Alfred Lane Jr. was our guest speaker whose comments included the fact "Per capita, more Indians have served and fought for our country than any of the other races, per capita." He went on to say, "American Indians have received more medals and decorations than any other race." He also spoke to the recent belated public recognition (55 years after the war!) of the efforts of the Navajo Code Talkers during WWII.



Chairman Delores Pigsley

On May 31, the Siletz Tribe was proud to co-sponsor, with Sugar Ray Leonard, the third annual Commotion at the Ocean at Chinook Winds Casino. It was again a nationally televised (ESPNII) boxing event in our convention center before a packed house of 1,700 enthusiastic spectators.

And on June 22, we celebrated the seventh anniversary of Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center. Andy McCord, who was project director for PCL, the company that constructed the facility, presented the tribe with a bronze plaque inscribed with the names of those who were largely responsible for establishing our magnificent gaming center. The plaque will be mounted at the casino entrance.

The ceremony also recognized the 25 employees who began working when Chinook Winds was only a "tent." These dedicated employees are with us today, still on the job.

Another event this summer will be the tribe's annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow, scheduled for the second weekend in August. It has become one of the biggest, best, and most anticipated pow-wows in the west.

And although it is several months away, I need to mention that active

planning is under way for our major event in November, the 25th anniversary celebrating the Restoration of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon!

I am proud to report that the Siletz Tribal Gaming Regulatory Agency and gaming commissioners are now fully staffed and on the job. We are counting on them to perform their regulatory responsibilities to ensure that Chinook Winds is operating in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and tribal policies and regulations.

I'm also pleased to report that at the recent meeting of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Jessie Davis was elected as an alternate to represent the Northwest on the executive board of the National Indian Gaming Association. In this capacity, Jessie will continue to be involved in gaming issues that are of national as well as local importance.

CTSI Jobs

Position: Programs Clerk
Department: Education
Location: Siletz, Oregon
Salary: \$10.31 per hour
Opening date: 6/13/02
Closing date: 7/15/02

Position: Tribal Police Officer
Department: Law Enforcement
Location: Siletz, Oregon
Salary: \$14.14 per hour
Opening date: 6/18/02
Closing date: 7/8/02

Position: On-Call Transporter
Department: Siletz Clinic
Location: Siletz, Oregon
Salary: \$7.52 per hour
Opening date: 6/18/02
Closing date: Until Filled

CTSI Employment Job Line

541-444-8296

1-800-922-1399, ext. 296

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Position: Family Ally
Department: Siletz Head Start
Location: Springfield, Oregon
Salary: \$10.31 per hour
Opening date: 6/18/02
Closing date: 7/8/02

Position: Tribal Services Specialist
I or II
Location: Eugene and Portland,
Oregon
Salary: \$12.77 TL 7.0/\$14.14 TL 8.0
Opening date: 6/13/02
Closing date: 7/5/02

Position: Area Office Clerk
Location: Salem, Oregon
Salary: \$10.31 per hour
Opening date: 6/18/02
Closing date: 7/5/02

The tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

by Walt Klamath

Last month we talked about fire safety and that we have had no fires. Well, something happened and we had two – a car fire on Nash Mountain and a home fire on Moonshine Park Road. Luckily, there were no casualties.

Well, now to the business at hand. I was called about an honor guard for a tribal member. First thing is, I was not aware of a veteran crossing. The second thing is the time element. We need time to set up a ceremony. We ask you to give us three days.

We do not have a standing guard and if we ever do get one, we still need this time to get notices to the guard as they are working and we have to contact several in order to pull a guard together. It makes us feel bad when we are not able to honor our fallen warriors as they should be honored.

I have discussed this with others who have a standing guard roster. They tell me they need three days to get a guard together; sometimes this is difficult.

When someone crosses over into the spirit world, let someone know who is active in the American Legion or VFW. In Siletz, call Tony Molina or myself, Walt Klamath, at 541-444-8286 or at home at 541-444-2001. Maybe I'll get the message maybe not; the surest is the job phone at this time.

We have to have time. We do not have our own weapons; the VFW owns them. This is no problem, except that getting access is not always that simple. We also have to contact the bugler. Everything takes time.

We need a standing guard. This guard needs to practice following commands so that we look sharp. I believe that we need to be the best that we can possibly be in honoring and in respect to the veteran who has crossed.

If you are a veteran and can give an hour a month for close order drill and the manual of arms, please us a call. We do need the help and it will be appreciated by us, the VFW, and the people whom we serve.

Thank you.