

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Elders Attend Run to the Rogue



Craig Whitehead tells Gilbert Towner and Gladys Bolton that they will carry the eagle staff for the last quarter-mile.

The elder program took elders from the various areas to participate in Run to the Rogue. We stayed in Port Orford this year so we could take part in the ceremony at Battle Rock.

It was a beautiful but very windy night for the ceremony, with a full moon shining over the ocean and ceremony area. We left Port Orford the next morning and had breakfast in Gold Beach.

We caught up with the runners and upon our arrival at Oak Flats, we got off the buses and walked the last mile with the runners. The dinner at Singing Springs was very well planned and we all had a restful time for socializing. While in Port Orford, we even had time to go down to the beach and watch the sunset. It was a very enjoyable trip.

Elders Go to Canada

Forty elders went on a cruise through the San Juan Islands to Victoria, B.C. We had three vans from Eugene, Salem, Portland, and Siletz.

We met over the Washington border and traveled together to Bellingham, where we stayed at the Heritage Best Western. We got up early the next morning for breakfast and loaded the buses to go to the cruise harbor. It was foggy and a bit misty, but we had fun anyway.

We boarded the boat and traveled through the San Juan Islands before arriving at Victoria Harbor. After going through customs, we all went every which way as we had four hours to eat lunch and see the sights. Much to our delight, the sun came out.



Cheri Ortega and her mother, Lillian Larvie

Some elders went to Chinatown, while others rode the big two-tier bus for a sightseeing tour of Victoria. Others rode horse-drawn carriages or small trams pulled by a bicycle and rider. There was a bit of time to shop before we headed back to the cruise boat.

We had a buffet dinner of prime rib and salmon on our way back to Bellingham. This was such an enjoyable trip and it all went just too fast. We stayed another night in Bellingham and headed home the next morning.

The elders would like to thank the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for its contribution toward this trip. Without it, we wouldn't have been able to go.

Elders Attend NICOA

by Kathryn Dick

In early September, 32 elders met at the Portland International Airport to catch their flight to Albuquerque, N.M., to attend the National Indian Conference on Aging. This conference is held every two years.

We stayed at the Hyatt Regency Hotel across from the Albuquerque Conference Center, where the conference was held. Approximately 3,000 Native Americans, mostly elders, attended the conference.

While there, the elders went to various workshops on issues regarding the elderly. We also attended a banquet, fashion show, and pow-wow. The fashion show was very interesting as it was a display of elders dressed in their tribal regalia. It was really neat to see the way other Native people dressed.

We also were able to sightsee a bit, going to a couple casinos and spending one afternoon in Old Town.



Gladys Bolton and Frank Chee Willetto, Navajo Code Talker and NICOA chairman



The elders in Albuquerque

Another Year of Wisdom Happy Birthday!

Fearn Blacketer, 11/22
Kenneth Blair, 11/11
Bruce Butler III, 11/19
John Christensen, 11/10
Willa Daugherty, 11/26
Jessie Davis, 11/14
Cecelia Deanda, 11/29
Elizabeth Dotson, 11/4
Sherry Eddings, 11/15
Robert Finley, 11/1
Minnie Hegge, 11/9
Geneva Johnson, 11/19

Gylene Jones, 11/20
Victor Larsen, 11/1
Lillian Larvie, 11/13
Dixie Lee, 11/14
Benito Marzan, 11/25
Robert Miller, 11/25
Joy Moses, 11/28
Joyce Phillips, 11/25
Andrew Quitevis Jr., 11/1
John Roe Jr., 11/30
Joy Stewart, 11/1
Beverly Youngman, 11/13