

## Tribal Court Spokesperson Program News

Tribal Court held the Spokesperson Program orientation on May 27, 2003. Chief Judge Calvin Gantenbein conducted the meeting with the assistance of Julie Godwin-Tucker, Tribal Court project coordinator, and Dianne McLeod, court administrator. Approximately 16 individuals attended.

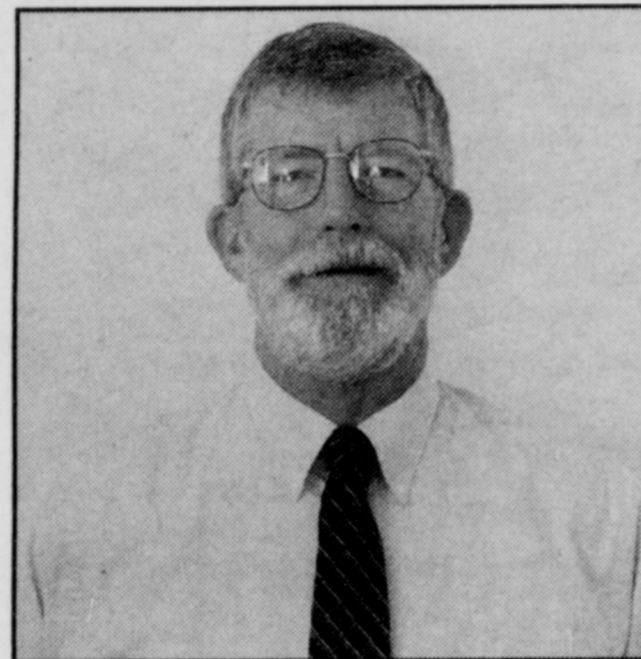
Judge Gantenbein gave an overview of his expectations for the trainings. He asked that each spokesperson commit to a minimum of six hours per year. The actual time allocated to represent each case will vary depending on the type of case. He also responded to attendees' questions.

Training dates were discussed and set. The first spokesperson training is scheduled for Oct. 10-11, with the second training on Oct. 17-18. The trainings will be videotaped to allow review or viewing by new applicants. Makeup video trainings can be arranged.

A moot court will be scheduled at the completion of the trainings. It also

will be videotaped and used for educational purposes.

Sometime in July, training curriculum will be set. Julie plans to arrange mandatory continuing legal credits for state bar members and community college units for Siletz Tribal members or other American Indians who reside in the Siletz Tribe's service area.



Chief Judge Calvin Gantenbein

Applications are continually accepted at Siletz Tribal Court and Siletz Tribal members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to become a trained spokesperson. If you or someone you know is interested in the



Spokesperson Program, please contact Julie at 541-444-8250 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 250, or at the following address: Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, Attn: Tribal Court Project Coordinator, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

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15 people who participated in the Nadosh had never done so before.

Nick Sixkiller, education specialist for the Eugene area, was particularly impressed by the youth who participated in the traditional Feather Dance.

"There was a shortage of male dancers and a few stepped up and displayed courage and felt the pull of their ancestors and the pride of their culture and heritage," he said. "I am very proud of these young men."

The planning committee was sure to include prevention workshops for all youth to attend. The themes included nutrition and youth, club drugs and you, healthy teen relationships and sexuality, Native American icons used in tobacco marketing, self-empowerment, leadership, and youth advocacy.

Gerry Rainingbird from the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board hosted a Four Directions workshop. He helped guide youth to find their color, power, and strengths as a chief, healer, warrior, and/or trickster.

This really contributed to the conference theme – Siletz Tribal youth coming together from around the Pacific Northwest to get to know each other. Judging from the last few hours of the conference, this had been accomplished.

"I thought that the conference was fun. I enjoyed the activities, but I think that some of them were a little long," said Nellie Carey, a youth from Eugene. "I met lots of new people and made lots of new friends. I liked the free time (as most people do) and I thought the Feather dancing and storytelling were fun to watch and hear."

"It was so great to see all these tribal youth meeting new friends and learning more about their culture. My favorite part was seeing excited groups

of youth taking photos and exchanging e-mail addresses with their new friends!" said Cathy Rasmussen, Community Health director.

Crista Whittington, A&D Prevention specialist and conference coordinator, stated, "This program could not come together without the time, energy, and commitment given by individuals representing all area offices, Tribal Council, and the Siletz Tribal community. We look forward to partnering in a collaborative effort to bring the youth of Siletz together next year and beyond."

This conference was made possible by the determination of 26 youth and 10 adult planners from all of the area offices. A committee formed in September 2002 and got into full swing in January 2003. For five months, planners met to shape the content of the conference. Tribal Council and the A&D Prevention, Diabetes, Community Health, Education, and Tobacco Prevention and Education programs provided funding.

David Hatch, Tribal Council member and parent to a participating youth, told the group, "I wish we had something like this when I was young."

In the evaluations, several youth commented they would like to see even more elders and Tribal Council represented at the next conference.

"The youth are our future and upcoming tribal members and future leaders. We can help them find their voice in a setting like this," stated Miranda Strong, Community Health advocate.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers, youth and adult planners, participants, and their families for helping make this conference a success. For more information, contact the tribe at 541-444-2532 or 1-800-922-1399 after September 2003.

## Death Benefit Beneficiary Designation Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby designate

1<sup>st</sup> Beneficiary (print full name): \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary's current address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

as my beneficiary for the tribal death benefit insurance (beneficiary must be at least 18 years of age).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature if minor \_\_\_\_\_

Roll No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this is a change in beneficiary or beneficiary address.

(Optional)

2<sup>nd</sup> Beneficiary (print full name): \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary's current address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

The Enrollment Department is asking tribal members to fill out a death benefit beneficiary form if you don't have one on file. Please remember to designate someone over 18 years old.

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-922-1399, ext. 258, or 541-444-8258. Please return your completed form to: D.B. Insurance, CTSI, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.