

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Golf Course Purchase

I am pleased to report that the council has completed negotiations for the purchase of the Lakeside Golf Course in Lincoln City. On April 15, 2005, the Lakeside Golf Course became Chinook Winds Golf Resort.

This transaction follows the purchase of the Shilo Inn, a 186-room motel plus 61 luxury units on 17.9 acres in Lincoln City adjacent to Chinook Winds, now known as Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

The purchase proved to be a wise tribal economic investment. Not only has there been a significant increase in hotel revenues under tribal management as compared with the former Shilo Inn management, the hotel also has enhanced the revenues of Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center.

The purchase of the golf course, which lies just east of the casino and convention center, will help round out Chinook Winds as a viable coastal destination resort.

All three entities – the casino/convention center, the hotel, and the golf course – will be managed as a coordinated and inter-related unit by our general manager at the casino, Jim Kikumoto, who has successfully managed our casino for the past four years.



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Tribal Council Planning Retreat

As we do annually, the Tribal Council spent March 12-13, two full days, in a planning retreat. This was an opportunity for all council members to carefully evaluate and prioritize tribal development plans for the next 10 years as well as plans for our immediate future.

It was the first time since the new council members took office in February that the "new" council had a chance to consider and debate issues as a governmental body.

Siletz Tribe, Casino Recognized

It may surprise some readers of *Siletz News*, but Lincoln City, the way it's currently organized, is only 40 years old.

On April 2, the city celebrated its 40th birthday with a banquet at the Chinook Winds hotel. Many of you may remember that Oceanlake, Taft, Nelscott, etc., were consolidated to make Lincoln City.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort and Kenny's IGA were honored as (large) Businesses of the Year. The casino was recognized not only as a major business in the community, but also for its volunteerism, community involvement, and significant donations to the city.

Chinook Winds General Manager Jim Kikumoto was nominated for the Man of the Year award and I was nominated for the Woman of the Year award by the Community Days committee. We were not selected, but were honored to be nominated and recognized.

On another note, during the recent annual installation of officers at the Oceanlake Elks Lodge in Lincoln City, I was recognized as Citizen of the Year (see story on page 10).

The recognition bestowed on Chinook Winds, its general manager, and on me, chairman of the tribe, occurs only because of the hard work of the tribal and Chinook Winds staff. Without their efforts, the Siletz Tribe and our enterprises would not be as successful and respected as they are today.

So on behalf of the Tribal Council, I want to thank the casino and tribal employees for all the dedicated work they do that results in our being recognized by the larger community.

Chinook Winds' Impact on City, County

In the last issue of *Siletz News*, highlights of ECONorthwest's *Contributions of Indian Gaming to Oregon's Economy: An Economic Impact and Benefit Analysis* were featured as the lead article. That study was commissioned by the Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance and was based on a survey of all Oregon gaming tribes.

On March 23, Chinook Winds sponsored a press conference to report specifically on the economic impact and benefits of Chinook Winds Casino Resort on the local economy. It was, in effect, a follow-up study to one that ECONorthwest conducted in 1998 of Chinook Winds' economic and social impact on Lincoln County and Lincoln City.

The city, county, Visitor and Convention Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, elected officials, and the media were invited to the press conference. With a brief introduction by General Manager Jim Kikumoto, I made a PowerPoint presentation similar to the one that I reported on last month at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

Following my presentation, I was interviewed by the press. The tribe received very good coverage in the local media of the results of ECONorthwest's study.



To the editor:

To my people,

I am going away for a while. Though I'm not sure how long I will be gone, I know that when I come back, I will be stronger (watch out!). To Terry – Congratulations! To Phil – Thank you!

To my mom, sons, brothers (and sister!), nephew, grandma, aunts, uncle(s), cousins (Howie), Mary Jane, Sunshine, Art, and Bill – I love you!

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Computers Still Available

Computer applications for laptops and desktops still are available for tribal members (desktops), non-tribal custodial parents of tribal children (NIC for desktops), and students (laptops).

If you have any questions, contact Darlene Carkhuff at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1201, or 541-444-8201; or Tina Retasket at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1210, or 541-444-8210.

Most Often Requested Telephone Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	1-800-922-1399
Salem Area Office	503-390-9494
Salem Finance Office	1-888-870-9051
Portland Area Office	503-238-1512
Eugene Area Office	541-484-4234
Springfield Siletz Tribal Head Start	541-747-0161
Contract Health Services (CHS)	1-800-628-5720
Siletz Community Health Clinic	1-800-648-0449
Siletz Alcohol and Drug	1-800-600-5599
Chinook Winds Casino Resort	1-888-244-6665
Chemawa Health Clinic	1-800-452-7823
Bureau of Indian Affairs	1-800-323-8517

Web site: www.ctsi.nsn.us

General Council Meeting

May 7, 2005

Wittenberg Inn
Salem, Oregon

1 p.m.

Call to Order

Invocation

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Program Reports: Elders Program

Tribal Member Concerns

Chairman's Report

Announcements

Adjournment

Nu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center

May 17 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

June 1 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office

May 16 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

June 2 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office

May 10 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

June 7 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office

May 9 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

June 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tribal members who need help on cultural projects should contact the Siletz Culture Department. We can assist you prior to the language classes.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Culture Department at 541-444-8320 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.