

NOTICES



Above: Bud and Cheryl Lane make a presentation to Delores Pigsley while Daisy Pigsley, Don Pigsley, Sarah Pigsley, Donna Mae Woods, and Gladys Bolton share the moment.

Right: Siletz Feather Dancers honor the audience with a round of dances.



Restoration Celebration



Head Start students and staff plus parents and tribal elders sing songs that delight the Restoration Celebration crowd.

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crease the allocation for per capita payments. Tribal leadership will be sorely tested at this time, and it will be required to hold the per capita payment allocation at a level that will not do harm to the gaming enterprise.

Protecting the Gaming Asset. The Chinook Winds Casino is a priceless economic asset that must be nurtured and preserved. Everyone appreciates, I am certain, that buildings age, that heating, cooling, and plumbing systems require constant maintenance and repair and eventually must be replaced at great expense. Moreover, many of the casino gaming devices are driven by high-tech instruments and the maintenance and repair for such devices can be costly.

Therefore, adequate maintenance and repair funds must be budgeted to ensure continued profitable operation of the casino and hotel, and to maintain the credibility and the quality of these important buildings. Your clientele will accept nothing less.

Meeting Environmental and Sanitation Requirements. The tribe must

be ever vigilant to ensure that its gaming and other economic development ventures are in compliance with all environmental and sanitation requirements that are applicable. The casino operation is dependent on a clientele that feels safe and comfortable in both the casino and hotel. Therefore, adequate funds must be budgeted for these purposes.

Coping with Anti-Tribal Sovereignty and Anti-Gaming Forces. Make no mistake, these two forces are alive and well, and they will continue to aggressively pursue tactics and strategies, including legislative proposals, designed to erode tribal sovereignty and in turn diminish Indian gaming nationally. It is in the tribe's best interests to maintain a level of legal and lobbying expertise to respond to whatever tactics are used by these forces.

I submit that the tribe must maintain formal ties with coalition organizations, e.g., the National Congress of American Indians and the National Indian Gaming Association, which exist to protect and promote tribal sovereignty and gaming.

Providing Transparency on Gaming and Government Operations. One of the best techniques to enhance the tribal membership's understanding and acceptance of gaming and tribal government operations is to ensure transparency on these operations. Transparency may take on several forms, including written reports, verbal reports, involvement of members on decision-making, the tribal newspaper, etc.

In conclusion, I wish to reiterate that the Siletz Tribe has achieved remarkable progress in improving the quality of life for its members since restoration. This has been accomplished by exercising self-determination in management of federal funds and by establishment of a successful casino that generates income to fund other helpful programs and services for the membership.

In closing, I wish to make two points.

First, let us never lose sight of those tribal members and leaders from the past, who endured physical harm and even death under geographical upheaval from their homeland and later saw this homeland diminished by failed govern-

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mental policies. These members and leaders never acquiesced to their plight nor did they ever lose their identity as Indians and as a tribe. They fought heroic battles to maintain these attributes.

The tenacity and will to fight for their rights by the tribal members and leaders from the past have been handed down to contemporary members and leaders. These same attributes have played a dominant role in the progress achieved by the Siletz Tribe since restoration in 1977.

Second, one week ago today the nation celebrated Veterans Day to commemorate the American men and women who served in the Armed Forces in several wars to protect our democratic ideals.

Today, we are engaged in a different kind of war that defies convention, but it is just as vital to the preservation of our democratic ideals. The Armed Forces of today is comprised primarily of volunteers who have responded to a call to duty. We commend those brave volunteers, including thousands of Native American men and women who have answered this call.