

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Governor's Summit

This past month, Gov. Ted Kulongoski met with Oregon tribes at what is known as the Annual Summit. This annual event was started 10 years ago by Gov. John Kitzhaber. Every governor since has been faithful in continuing this important tradition of dialogue between the governor, his key staff and Oregon tribal officials.

The meeting this year was held at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort on the Warm Springs Reservation. It was, once again, an opportunity for tribal representatives to meet in cluster groups with various state department heads prior to meeting with the governor.

Each tribe had an opportunity to present information about events and issues that occurred on their reservations during the past 10 years as well as highlights of what can be expected during the next 10 years.

In discussing current unresolved issues, tribal and state representatives discussed the roles that state agencies can play to help tribes resolve issues and attain tribal objectives.

At his invitation, tribal chairmen dined with the governor the evening before the summit meeting. The Warm Springs Tribe was a wonderful host for this event and we thank them for their hospitality.

Restoration

Our 30th Restoration celebration last month was wonderful. We experienced the largest participation ever. When compared with our first celebration, one can only remember freezing in an old frame building in Newport 30 years ago. No one could be happier than to have experienced the contrast between our first and 30th events.

Charles Wilkinson, a nationally recognized authority on Indian law, not only was present at the first Restoration event 30 years ago, he has been an Indian advocate and friend ever since.

He spoke passionately about the events that our tribe has endured



Delores Pigsley

throughout our history. These will be revealed in the book he is writing and which is nearing completion. He and his staff have been doing an incredible amount of research, holding intensive interviews with many tribal members, including many elders.

Those of us who were present at this 30th Restoration event were pleased that Charles gave us a valuable early glimpse into his soon-to-be-published book.

Thanks to the Restoration Committee, the tribal and casino staff, members of the Tribal Council and to the membership for making the 30th such a memorable event.

In closing, I would like to cite, with gratitude, various people who over the years have contributed significantly to the tribe's accomplishments. I can't list them all but the few who were present at this event were:

- Franklin Ducheneaux, retired lobbyist, congressional staff member and consultant (and his wife, Ernie)
- Gov. Vic and Delores Atiyeh
- Stan and Lois Speaks
- Mike and Max Clements
- Bernie Topash
- Karen Quigley

And unable to attend but deserving of recognition is Forrest Gerard, who played a major role in the restoration of the Siletz Tribe and who has served as our valued consultant for many years ever since.

Cancer Strategic Plan

Special thoughts are with those suffering from and being treated for cancer. Although some of you are fortunate in never having had a friend or a loved one afflicted with cancer, many of you have been affected one way or another – some very personally and deeply.

Today, many tribal members are suffering from cancer and its aftereffects. It's amazing to witness the strength that is shown when the body wants to rest.

Our Siletz Clinic has been very responsive to the needs of our cancer patients. A Strategic Cancer Plan has been adopted and a grant for a cancer navigator provides a coordinator to

assist patients. In the past, family members were the coordinators, stepping into a role that was extremely difficult and for which they had little preparation.

Today, monthly luncheons are held in Siletz for cancer patients and their support groups. The luncheons enable the patients to visit each other as well as with their caregivers. Valuable information from the cancer coordinator also is shared.

Cancer patients and their families is a matter about which I have great compassion and empathy, having within my own family a daughter, Quanna, who is currently recovering from cancer, and a son, Troy, who passed away from cancer nine years ago on Dec. 14.

With the holidays coming upon us, we should all think about sharing some joy with our tribal members, especially those who are receiving chemotherapy and radiation treatment – to let them know we care.

Tribal Children Need You

Do you value Siletz Native culture and want to help preserve it?

If so, please consider fostering for the tribe. The Siletz Tribe needs loving, stable, nurturing homes in all areas.

If you are interested, please contact:

Shawna Nagunst
Foster Care Certifier
1-800-922-1399, ext. 1275, or
541-444-8275
or visit www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html



CTSI Jobs

CTSI Employment Job Line

541-444-8296 or
1-800-922-1399, ext. 1296

Visit our Web site at
www.ctsi.nsn.us

Position: CHS Technician II
Job Posting #: 200787
Salary: \$14.09 per hour
Location: Siletz, Oregon
Open: 11/6/07
Close: 12/12/07

CTSI is constantly looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave, and extend sick leave. If you are retired, a homemaker, or a student and are looking for temporary work that can last from two weeks to 12 weeks, please submit a temporary application for the temp pool.

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. 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.

Restoration CD Available

If you attended the Restoration Celebration, you saw a CD of tribal history and some old photos that was played during the event. We are making that CD available to tribal members at no cost.

You need to fill out a request form (available on the tribal Web site – www.ctsi.nsn.us) and send it to:

Diane Rodriguez
c/o Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Indians
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549

The CD is restricted to one per tribal member and each tribal member must request their own.

For questions, please call Tina Retasket at 800-922-1399, ext. 1210, or 541-444-8210; or Diane Rodriguez at 800-922-1399, ext. 1291, or 541-444-8291.

Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Dec. 4 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan. 9 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Dec. 10 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan. 15 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Dec. 11 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan. 14 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Dec. 3 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan. 7 – 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.