

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This is my first article for 2008 as tribal chairman for the January issue of *Siletz News*.

Our tribe just concluded **30 years** as a fully restored, federally recognized tribe. Thirty years of significant accomplishments after enduring a long, heart-breaking struggle as a tribe to achieve Restoration.

We celebrated that history just a couple of months ago, which was wonderfully recalled by Brent Merrill in the December issue of *Siletz News*. Brent's article helped bring the 30th Restoration anniversary to life, whether you were fortunate enough to be present at the event or not.

Most of us understand the tribe's accomplishments since we were restored as a federally recognized tribe in terms of rebuilding services for health, education, housing, economic development, etc., vital needs that were denied us during the period we were "terminated."

You will note that whenever we refer to "termination," we mean "termination" as a **federally recognized** tribe. We were, after all, never "terminated" as a tribe; our people and tribe endured and were very much alive, culturally and spiritually as a tribe, despite our ordeal throughout the termination period.

Buffett Award Recognition

In November 2007, Bud Lane was recognized by Ecotrust for his learning and teaching of our language to others and for his outstanding abilities in the cultural arts. The recognition included the gathering of native materials that he uses for the weaving and carving of the beautiful, intricate cultural articles he creates.



Delores Pigsley

For those of you who may not know, Ecotrust, whose Northwest office is located in the Pearl District in Portland, is an organization dedicated to conservation and committed to the strengthening of communities and the environment.

Roberta Conner, curator of the Tamasklikt Institute of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, was the recipient of the 2007 Buffett Award presented annually in the Northwest by Ecotrust and the families of Howard and Peter Buffett, sons of billionaire Warren Buffett.

Bud was one of three other candidates selected for their accomplishments in the cultural arts fields. They were presented inspirational Pendleton blankets in recognition of their work. Siletz was lucky to have Bud recognized for this honor by Ecotrust, which follows the honors in past years presented to Siletz Tribal members Aggie Pilgrim and Dave Hatch.

The Storm

During early December, the west coast of Oregon was hit hard by hurricane-velocity wind and rain, devastating some homes and businesses and washing out trees and roads.

For the first time since it was built 10 years ago, Chinook Winds suffered some damage to the exterior walls of our casino. But with our generators operating, Chinook Winds was able to function with its electrical power running while many other facilities in Lincoln City and the county were blacked out. The way our facility was able to withstand the wind and rain storm demonstrates how well our gaming and convention center was constructed.

Some residents and visitors to the coast took refuge in Chinook Winds during this disastrous storm and its aftermath.

There's no doubt that 2008 will include many expected and unexpected events. The Tribal Council has set the calendar for council meetings for the coming year, including pow-wows.

These events will be posted on our Web site or available for the asking. Also, the pictures that were on display at Chinook Winds during the Restoration Celebration area also are available to tribal members on CDs. 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.

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



Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Jan. 9 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Feb. 5 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Jan. 15 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Feb. 12 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

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

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Jan. 7 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Feb. 4 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Athabaskan Language class will start for beginners in January 2008. These classes will begin with basic instruction and will progress over the next year. It also will be a refresher course for those more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

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.

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

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.

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