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The 2008 Tribal Council: Reggie Butler Sr., Lillie Butler, Loraine Y. Butler, Delores Pigsley, Alfred "Bud" Lane III, Jessie Davis, Tina M. Retasket, and Frank Simmons. (photo by Diane Rodriguez)

Tribal Members Elect Council Officers Also Selected for 2008

Robert Kentta, Loraine Y. Butler, and Tina M. Retasket were elected to the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in elections held Feb. 2.

Kentta, from Logsdan, Ore., was re-elected with 356 votes; Butler, from Siletz, Ore., was re-elected with 321; and Retasket, from Siletz, received 287. Eleven candidates ran for the three open positions and the three who received the most votes were elected.

These individuals will serve with Reggie Butler Sr. of Siletz, Jessie Davis of Keizer, Ore., and Frank Simmons of Lincoln City, Ore., whose terms expire in 2009; and Lillie Butler of Siletz, Alfred "Bud" Lane III of Siletz, and Delores Pigsley of Salem, Ore., whose terms expire in 2010. Term of office is three years for each position on the nine-member council.

Eight hundred sixty-seven ballots were returned out of the 2,174 ballots that were issued. Enrolled members of the Siletz Tribe who are age 18 or older are eligible to vote in tribal elections.

The tribe has more than 4,400 enrolled members.

The swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected council members took place Feb. 3. Officers are elected on an annual basis and those selected for 2008 include:

Delores Pigsley, chairman
Alfred "Bud" Lane III, vice chairman
Tina M. Retasket, secretary
Jessie Davis, treasurer

Foster Parenting Info Sessions

Have you ever wondered what foster parenting is all about? Come to these informal Q-&A sessions (all 4-6 p.m.) to get more information: April 2, Salem Area Office; April 3, Siletz Public Library; April 9, Eugene Area Office; and April 10, Portland Area Office. Call Shawna Nagunst at 800-922-1399, ext. 1275 or 541-444-8275 for details.

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Siletz Charitable Fund Distributes \$149,495

Total Tribal Giving Tops \$6 Million

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund made another round of distributions Feb. 1 and the seven-member advisory board has distributed more than \$3.9 million since its inception in 2001.

Forty organizations shared \$149,495 in contributions when checks were presented at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore. This included \$21,379 to various schools in the Lincoln County School District; \$6,800 for transportation, supplies, publicity, and fees for the Neighbors for Kids program in Depoe Bay; \$6,500 for bedroom furnishings for the Tillamook County Women's Crisis Center; and \$20,000 for the University of Oregon School of Law's Oregon Tribes Professorship program.

The Siletz Tribe is proud of its contributions through employment, monetary donations, and cooperative measures to the Siletz community, Lincoln County, and the state of Oregon. The tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$6 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$1.25

million in cash and fund-raising items since it opened in 1995. The casino also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for many events.

Eligibility for money from the Charitable Contribution Fund is limited to two categories:

- Entities and activities located in the Siletz Tribe's 11-county service area (Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn, Lane, Benton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties)
- Native American entities and activities located anywhere in the United States

The next deadline to submit applications is March 21, 2008. Applications and requirements can be obtained at www.ctsi.nsn.us/Charitable_Contributions.html; from Kelley Ellis at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227; or by mail at Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

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