

CHINOOK WINDS CASINO RESORT

Now We're Cookin'

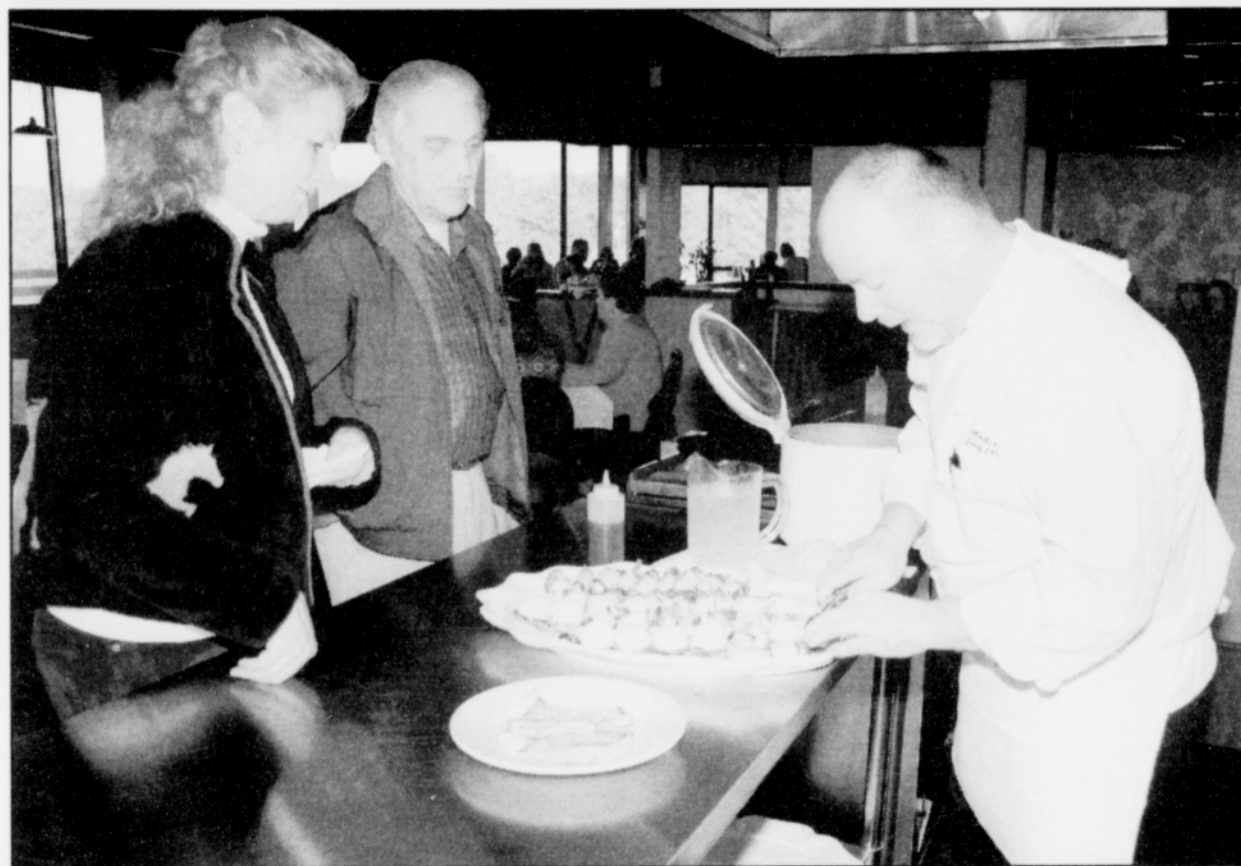
by Teresa Simmons

Chinook Winds Food & Beverage Director Martin Reynolds was one of a select few chefs who were invited to take part in the First Anniversary Celebration of the Pacific Coast Center for the Culinary Arts in Lincoln City on March 1.

This is just one of the many events that Chinook Winds chefs have participated in, where the hors d'oeuvres served are created on-site during the event. Martin created a sushi rice with wasabi and seared salmon fillet with a ginger plum drizzle, placed on a sesame-spiced seaweed salad.

The culinary center, located on the fourth floor of City Hall, has rapidly established itself as an attraction for tourists looking for an experience in culinary arts and for the local residents as well. An unlimited variety of classes are offered by local and visiting chefs. The center also is used for special events.

Members of the Chinook Winds culinary staff often participate in culinary competitions held locally, including chowder cook-offs and the Chocolate Classic held at Salishan, a fund-



Martin Reynolds (right) prepares food at the First Anniversary Celebration of the Pacific Coast Center for the Culinary Arts. (photo by Dean Ingram)

raiser for the RSVP Program. A number of our chefs have placed in various competitions.

In addition to the competition and those events calling for on-site preparation, Chinook Winds often donates hors d'oeuvres to events such as the Oyster Cloyster, a fund-raiser for Oregon Coast Community College, held at the Oregon Coast Aquarium in South Beach.

Also, when the governor comes to town, Chinook Winds is always asked

to help with the hors d'oeuvres. At one such function, Gov. Ted Kulongoski thanked Chinook Winds publicly no less than three times for the excellent food that was provided and the Siletz Tribe specifically for the many contributions made to the community and various charities.

Participation in these kinds of events helps establish Chinook Winds' cuisine in the world of culinary competition and excellence.

Depoe Bay Says "Thanks"

by Teresa Simmons

Chinook Winds and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians contribute heavily to many organizations and fund-raisers each and every year. The contributions are publicized, but most of you never hear the words of thanks or have the opportunity to read the letters that are sent to the Tribe and the casino for the support given to the community.

Plaques have been hung on the walls, but there are too many to display. So here's one that touched my heart and I'm sure will do the same for you.

I was privileged to be invited to attend the Depoe Bay Citizen of the Year banquet on March 8. Chinook Winds helps sponsor some of the activities in Depoe Bay, such as the Fleet of Flowers and the Wooden Boat Show.

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund has given money to the Depoe Bay Kids Zone, an after-school program run by volunteers for the youngsters in Depoe Bay, and I'm sure we've helped other activities over the years, including providing raffle items for fund-raising activities.

Chinook Winds received the Friends of Depoe Bay Award at the banquet and I was proud to be the person to whom it was presented. But it doesn't stop there.

People stopped and chatted with Frank and I throughout the evening and the comments they gave were meant for you - "We're thankful and proud to have you for neighbors," "The tribe has helped us in so many ways,"

and here's the special one that tugged at my heart.

An elderly gentleman stopped and spoke with us for a long time. He thanked us for the contributions the tribe has made to the Mario Pastega House in Corvallis.

He told us he had to undergo cancer treatments this past year. He and his wife live on Social Security and are of limited means. He was able to stay at the Mario Pastega House for free while he was undergoing treatment.

With a tear in his eye, he told us we could never know how much that meant to him and his wife, and he wanted to thank the Siletz Tribe for making that possible.

Nice Comments from a Bus Customer to Chinook Winds Staff

Thank you for the R.V. Salem bus stop. It is great. It is closer to my home; I could walk if I wanted. Good plan to have drawings in the Bingo Hall, helps with congestion at the main door. There

are so many pluses I can't list them all. The Bingo crew is outstanding, very helpful and on the spot when you have a question. The bus greeters are prompt, make their speech and riders are inside with time for Bingo. My fa-

vorite bus driver is Susie, she is the best driver. The buffet coupons for February was a nice program, would like to see that more often. The food is great - nice selection.

Diane B. - Salem, Oregon

Free Monthly Senior Slot Tournament

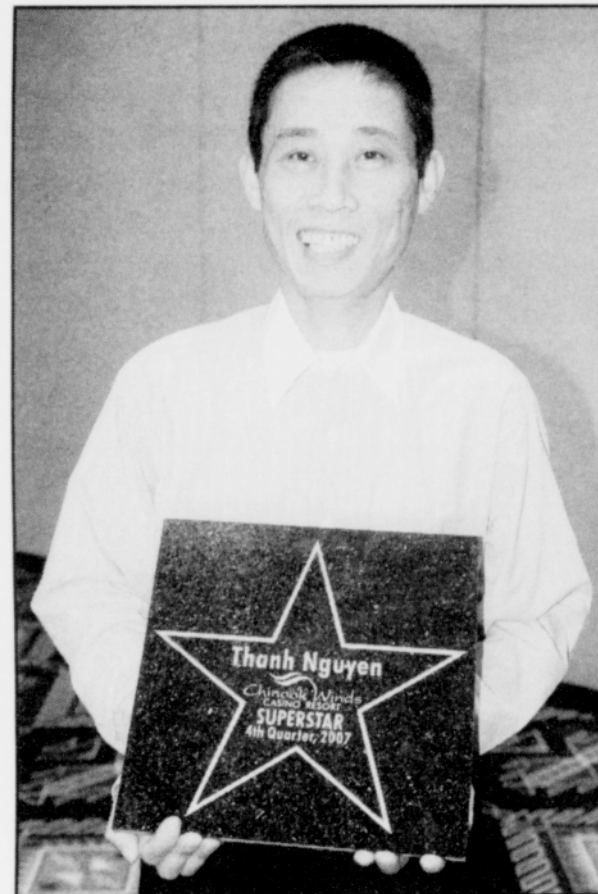
Chinook Winds thanks seniors for playing with a free "Young at Heart" monthly slot tournament on the first Tuesday of every month. Winner's Circle members age 55 and up are invited to win a share of \$2,400 in cash prizes.

Sign-up begins at 9 a.m. for Session 1. Consolation finals are at 12:30 p.m. and the winners' final round is at 12:45 p.m.

Sign-up begins at 1 p.m. for Session 2. The consolation finals round is at 4:30 p.m. and the winners' final

round at 4:45 p.m. Seniors can play in only one session per month.

Rounds take place every 15 minutes beginning at 9:30. Entry is on a first-come, first-play basis. Tournament is limited to the first 144 participants.



Thanh Nguyen

Nguyen Named SuperStar Employee

Thanh Nguyen of Lincoln City, an employee in the Transportation Department, has been selected as Chinook Winds' SuperStar for the fourth quarter of 2007.

In recognition of his accomplishment, Nguyen was presented with a check for \$1,000. A marble tile plaque, engraved with his name, will be displayed at the front entrance to the casino.

Tribal elders, staff of the Siletz Tribal Gaming Commission, Chinook Winds directors and selected staff attended the SuperStar ceremony. The list of nominees included three other superior employees: Linda Martin, Kevin Wilda and Sharon Rafferty.

From the more than 900 Chinook Winds employees, only four are selected to receive this honor each year. To be eligible, an employee must perform his or her duties at a high standard of excellence on a consistent basis and must exhibit a dedication to internal and external customer service. Once an individual is nominated by casino staff or guests, the nomination must pass several reviews before the final selection.

Nguyen has been employed at Chinook Winds since December 2000. His selection as SuperStar was the result of a nomination submitted by a guest who observed his consistently friendly attitude toward guests.

A guest wrote the following ... "I believe this employee is a star! He shows admirable work ethic, contagious smile, and consistent friendly demeanor. Most notable is his kindness and compassion when we visit the casino with our elderly friend. This member of your staff makes visits safe and pleasant for this 94-year-old that enjoys spending time at Chinook Winds."