

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## Planning for Oregon's 150 Celebration

As I reported in the September issue of *Siletz News*, the state of Oregon is making preparations for celebrating Oregon's 150<sup>th</sup> year since the state was admitted into the Union. The Oregon Tribes are planning for participating in this birthday celebration, which begins Feb. 14, 2009.

Each of the five western Oregon Tribes will have an opportunity to tell its own story and history in 12-minute videos that will be shown when the Tribes kick off the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration with a major pow-wow at the state fairgrounds on Jan. 31, 2009.

All nine Tribes, with Tribal dancers and drummers, will participate in the pow-wow scheduled to be held in the fairgrounds pavilion. The pow-wow is free to the public and it's expected that our state legislators, city and county government officials and the governor will be in attendance.

Ample free parking near the pavilion is available and there will be plenty



Delores Pigsley

of room for dancers and drummers and anyone who wants to attend.

Siletz historians who are involved in putting information together for this event include Frank Simmons, Ed Ben, Bud Lane and myself.

More information will be forthcoming about this state celebration.

## Smoking Ban and Tribal Casinos

As most of you know, beginning Jan. 1, 2009, a statewide anti-smoking law that was adopted by the state Legislature in 2007 goes into effect. It prohibits smoking in all public places, including bingo parlors, taverns, restaurants, bowling alleys and any other public meeting place.

Although we believe this ban does not affect Tribal casinos on reservation land, the state police assigned to monitor Oregon's Tribal casinos recently issued notice that they intend to enforce non-smoking in our casinos.

A meeting of the Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance that recently took place in Pendleton, Ore., affirmed the Tribes' belief that the smoking ban does not affect Tribal casinos. The Tribes are hopeful that the governor and other state officials will meet with the Tribes and address this important issue.

The state of Washington had a similar ban on smoking that the state Legislature adopted a couple of years ago, at which time the governor of Washington stated that Tribes were indeed exempt and has stood by that law.

The Oregon Tribes currently are researching the implications of the current law and anticipate our casinos will be similarly exempt.

## General Election Reminder

Finally, this is a reminder that the general election is just around the corner. Because of the disastrous state of our economy, uncertainty in our international relations, present and future military commitments, etc. – like the rest of you, I'm trying to read, watch and digest everything I can about the candidates, their past, their attitudes and positions regarding the vital issues confronting our state and country.

The stakes in this election are very high. Each of us must decide, as we mark our ballots in early November: In whose hands will we entrust our country – our future?

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## Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

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Open to Tribal members of all ages

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Nov. 19 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Portland Area Office  
Oct. 13 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Nov. 17 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Eugene

Eugene Area Office  
Oct. 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Nov. 3 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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