

Oregon Tribes and the Governor's Summit

As has become tradition in the past several years, the Governor's Summit was held again this year. The event this year, however, kicked off at an invitational gathering on the evening of Nov. 17 in Mahonia Hall, the governor's mansion.

All Tribal chairmen of the nine Oregon Tribes were in attendance at the mansion for dinner with Gov. Ted Kulongoski and his wife, with top aides, some elected officials and various directors of state agencies also in attendance.

It was a pleasant evening and a nice kick-off to the Governor's Summit, which was held, coincidentally, on Siletz Restoration Day, our Tribal holiday.

I was asked to make a brief presentation about our Tribal Restoration, which I was pleased to do. I explained the meaning of termination; its social, economic and other negative consequences on our Tribe; and how the Siletz Tribe struggled to become federally recognized.



Delores Pigsley

Chairman's Report

Some state representatives and others in attendance had never heard about or at least had not known much about the devastating consequences of termination nor the positive, significant accomplishments since Restoration of our and other Tribes.

All Tribal chairmen had an opportunity to present the state of affairs of their Tribes, particularly on their economies and how they are dealing with this issue.

The governor addressed the group and expressed his support for Tribes. After lunch, panels consisting of Tribal and state agency representatives held discussions, with a special focus on economic development and health issues. The Governor's Summits aren't intended to arrive at solutions but to highlight issues for subsequent follow-up and greater in-depth study and determination to explore solutions.

In view of the disastrous condition of our nation's economy and the uncertainty of the status of our Indian Health Improvement Act amendments, among

other major national issues that affect our Tribes, the Governor's Summit had special significance for us this year.

Tribal Nations Pow-Wow

The five Western Oregon Tribes again will host another All-Nations Pow-Wow at the Pavilion at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem on Jan. 30, 2010 (see story below).

The agenda will be similar to the event that took place last year, with two Grand Entries at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

It's an opportunity for the Oregon Tribes – in particular the Western Oregon Tribes – to express, and for the non-Indian public to learn about, the historical/cultural ways of life of the Indian Tribes.

Holidays

Finally, I can't conclude this relatively brief chairman's report without wishing all of you a belated Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year of compassion, charity and hope.

Gathering of Oregon's First Nations to Hold Second Annual Celebration

The second annual Gathering of Oregon's First Nations celebration is scheduled for Jan. 30, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, Ore.

There will be lots of activities, events and vendors during the celebration, featuring Indigenous Northwest cultures and

lifestyles. There also will be a two-session pow-wow with grand entries at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

All dancers and drummers are welcome. The 2009 pow-wow had in excess of 20 drums and an arena full of dancers. The arena has been enlarged for this year's celebration to accommodate more

dancers and drummers. You are invited to come and witness a beautiful grand entry featuring the leaders and flags of Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes.

Last year's celebration was a huge success and the committee is building on this to make this year's celebration even more memorable.

For general information, contact Siobahn Taylor, public affairs director, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 503-879-1920

For vendor information, contact Mona Fisher, cultural education director, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, 541-444-8230 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1230.

Planning Department Schedules Annual Community Meetings in Each Area

The CTSI Planning Department invites you to attend community meetings to discuss Tribal needs and financial opportunities for 2010.

Siletz Tribal Community Center	Jan. 7
Eugene Area Office	Jan. 14
Salem Area Office	Jan. 21
Portland Area Office	Jan. 26

All Tribal members are invited. Meetings will begin at 5 p.m. with a light meal. Topics of discussion may include Tribal services, facilities, transportation and trust land.

If you are unable to attend, please e-mail your ideas to paml@ctsi.nsn.us or clairew@ctsi.nsn.us. You also can mail your responses to Siletz Tribe, Planning Department, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Computer Program Update

We are now accepting applications for the 2003 replacement desktop computers. Funding also is available for new applicants, for laptops for higher education/AVT students and for 2002 replacement desktop computers.

To request an application, please contact Rosie Williams or Darlene Carkhuff at 800-922-1399, ext. 1200 and 1201, or 541-444-8200 and 541-444-8201.

Elders' Council Meeting

Jan. 9 • 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Chinook Winds Casino Resort

For more information, please contact April Bender at 800-922-1399, ext. 1225; 541-444-8225; or aprilb@ctsi.nsn.us

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Jan. 5 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Feb. 2 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Jan. 12 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Feb. 9 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

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

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Jan. 4 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Feb. 1 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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 Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

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