

Editor's note: Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom are just that, words of wisdom. By request, we are publishing his past articles so they will be with us forever, starting with this one.

Thank you, Walt, for all your wisdom, guidance, strength and teachings.

Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

By Walt Klamath, originally published in the February 2000 issue of Siletz News

I have not written in the newsletter for some time now. Every pow-wow, someone asks me how come I don't do something. Well, probably laziness mostly, so maybe I will get back in the groove.

The other day I was at the admin building and there were a whole bunch of pies there. I don't know why they were there, nor was I about to even ask. Anyway, it brought back some thoughts. I have heard of pie socials. I have never been to one, so don't know if I have heard of what happens at a pie social.

I do know what box socials are. Years ago at the old Logsdon schoolhouse, there used to be what they called a Farmers Union. Also, we had a thing for young people – the teen-agers. I forget what they called it. I could guess, but Brenda probably wouldn't allow it to be printed in the paper. Anyway, we would play music after the meeting and people would dance.

Well sometimes – I don't know who instigated it – there would be a box social. Now the idea was that the boxes would be sold to the highest bidder and whoever brought the box to the social would have dinner with the buyer.

Well, after the first social, us'un fellas wised up, because in those days a 25-year-old lady was ancient and it was almost embarrassing to have her box. However, they did know how to cook; must give credit where credit is due.

So as there were quite a few of these events almost every month, we fellas became very wise and would watch as the girls brought in their highly decorated boxes (they had to; they did not cook so well). We would make a mental picture. Then that particular box would come up, the young (and old, darn them) would bid high. Now this was not really fair as the old guys all worked and had money. We'uns worked all right, but we also went to school so couldn't really afford to bid, but we did.

Now, the pretty young damsels also had a mind of their own. They started trading boxes outside or somewhere and when they would come in, us gullible young men would watch, being very cunning so as not to let them know we were sizing the situation up.

Then when the bidding would begin, the boxes would go pretty low until these certain boxes would come up. Then us young bucks would really go wild; we would bid up to \$3. Imagine our surprise when we would find out whose box we had bought. We did have a lot of fun. I would like to see these things today.

There were not very many teen-agers in the area, five or six boys and probably as many girls.

Disclosure Important Part of Gaming License Process

By Shawna Gray, STGC Executive Director

In the last article, we briefly explained in the licensing process that if an applicant has background information that is found to be a problem, such as criminal history or criminal activity, the license may be denied. The Siletz Tribal Gaming Commission (STGC) looks at several factors and laws when making the decision to deny a gaming license.

Per the Tribal/State compact, "The honesty, integrity, fairness and security of the Tribe's gaming operation shall be of paramount consideration in awarding contracts, licensing and hiring employees and in making other business decisions concerning the operation of the gaming enterprise. The Tribe, the Tribal Gaming Commission and the management of the gaming operation shall make no decisions that compromise the honesty, integrity, fairness or security of the Tribe's class III gaming activities."

When judging the suitability of the applicant per the Tribal/State compact and STGC regulations, some of the considerations are:

- Did the applicant disclose his or her criminal history?
- Did the applicant misstate or falsify a material fact?
- Has the applicant been convicted of any crime?
- Has the applicant associated with persons or businesses of known criminal background or persons of disreputable character that may adversely affect the general credibility, honesty, integrity, security, fairness or reputation of Chinook Winds Casino Resort?
- Is there any aspect of the applicant's past conduct that STGC determines would adversely affect the honesty, integrity, security or fairness of Chinook Winds Casino Resort?

For example, Section 7.A.5.a. of the Tribal/State compact states that the "Gaming Commission shall deny a gaming license to any high security employee or primary management official who: (1) Has, within the 10-year period preceding the date of license application, committed any felony other than a traffic offense, whether or not the crime resulted in a conviction or any such conviction has been expunged, under the law of any federal, state or Tribal jurisdiction, or is the subject of a civil judgment under the law of any federal, state or Tribal jurisdiction that is based on facts that constitute the elements of a felony other than a traffic offense, in that jurisdiction."

Additionally, the National Indian Gaming Commission Bulletin 93-1 Eligibility Determination states: "The Tribe shall review a person's prior activities, criminal record, if any, and reputation,

habits and associations to make a finding concerning the eligibility of a key employee or primary management official for employment in a gaming operation. If the Tribe determines that employment of the person poses a threat to the public interest or to the effective regulation of gaming, or creates or enhances dangers of unsuitable, unfair or illegal practices and methods and activities in the conduct of gaming, a Tribal gaming operation shall not employ that person in a key employee or primary management official position."

STGC's role is to maintain the honesty, integrity, fairness and security of Chinook Winds. The management of Chinook Winds and STGC shall work diligently and take all reasonably necessary affirmative steps to prevent cheating and theft and to protect the gaming operations from the influence or control by any form of criminal activity or organization.



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Head Start students in Siletz enjoy a trip to the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport.

