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Chairman's Report

I have sad news to report this month. Many of you know our very good friend, Hiroto "Zak" Zakoji, passed away in late July (see obituary on page 7).

Zak had a distinguished service record with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I first met him when he facilitated meetings for Tribes with the Federal Regional Council, working with Helen Peterson. He was very personable and extremely helpful to us as a newly recognized Tribe. He worked tirelessly on Tribal issues that affected all Tribes.

After our Tribe was restored, he was loaned to us to serve as the interim general manager of our Tribe. He helped establish the agency and set up programs.

Zak was born and raised in Portland, Ore. He attended Portland public schools and as a teen-ager during World War II was incarcerated with his family, first in the North Portland Livestock Pavilion, then at a relocation camp in Idaho.

He served briefly in the army following the war and graduated from the University of Oregon. During the Klamath

termination, he worked with the Klamath Tribe as director of Klamath education and information on the staff of the Oregon Department of Education.

Following service with the Department of Education, he served as community development officer for the Portland Area Office of the BIA. After this, he worked for one year at Arizona State University as director of community development training for Southwestern Tribes. He then was hired by the University of Wisconsin as director of VISTA training (commonly known as the domestic Peace Corps).

He returned to the BIA in Portland to serve as community development officer. He served as principal staff to the then Federal Regional Council/Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians task force effort. He worked with many officials of Tribes in Seattle in conjunction with this effort, including Siletz Tribal Council members.

Following retirement from the BIA, he assisted various Tribes in their devel-

opmental projects and issues. He also was involved in assisting the Siletz Tribal Council in being designated as a self-governance Tribe.

He greatly assisted our Tribal Council in establishing the Tribe's gaming enterprise, including complex issues in determining the location of the gaming facility, design and construction of the casino, personnel issues, the process of formulating regulations of the Tribal gaming commission and issues involving controversial Tribal/state compact negotiations.

Zak was one of our guest speakers at Restoration and served as grand marshal of our pow-wow parade. He was a humble man and was so appreciative of this honor.

In addition to all of the above, he stayed abreast of all Tribal issues. He assisted us in more ways than we can ever know. He was a great friend and he will be sorely missed. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Zak.

Siletz News Receives NAJA Award

The Siletz Tribe is proud to announce that its monthly newspaper, *Siletz News*, received a 2010 Native American Journalists Association Media Award at the organization's annual conference in July.

Siletz News received a third-place award in the General Excellence category for bi-monthly/monthly publications. General Excellence awards are for American Indian-owned media outlets that are at least 50 percent American Indian-owned, managed or controlled.

CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at www.ctsi.nsn.us.

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

CTSI constantly is looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended sick leave. If you are retired, a homemaker or a student and are looking for temporary work that can last from two weeks to 12 weeks, please submit a temporary application for the temp pool.

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Sept. 14 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 5 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Sept. 21 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 12 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Sept. 20 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 11 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Sept. 13 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 4 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

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.

Traditional Foods, Recreation Events

Berry Picking

Beargrass and Maidenhair Fern Gathering

Canning Workshop

Cooking Classes

Tribal members can access more information in the Members Only section of the Tribal website – www.ctsi.nsn.us. New events are added on an ongoing basis.

All event dates/times can change suddenly because of red tide/weather/seasonal conditions. Last-minute announcements are recorded for your convenience at 541-444-9627 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1627.

Questions? Contact Sharla Robinson, Healthy Traditions project, at these phone numbers or via e-mail at healthytraditions@ctsi.nsn.us.

Tribal Children Need Foster Parents

Do you value Siletz Native culture and want to help preserve it? If so, please consider fostering for the Tribe. The Siletz Tribe needs loving, stable, nurturing homes in all areas.

If you are interested, please contact Shawna Henarie, foster care certifier, at 541-444-8275 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1275; or visit www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html.



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Deadline for the October issue is Sept. 9. Submission of articles and photos is encouraged. Please see the Passages Policy on page 28 when submitting items for Passages.



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Siletz News is free to enrolled Siletz Tribal members. For all others, a \$12 annual subscription fee applies. Please make checks payable to CTSI and mail to *Siletz News*.

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