

Chairman's Report

Youth Ambassador

SuSun Fisher has been appointed the national youth ambassador to represent our Tribe in Washington, D.C., at the White House Tribal Nations Conference with President Obama.

As you know, Susan is Miss Siletz; this is a great honor for our Tribe and for SuSun. The youth ambassadors have a busy agenda in Washington, D.C. She will accompany Bud Lane to the White House meeting that all Tribal leaders have been invited to attend.

Veterans

Tony Molina has worked with Tribal veterans for several years now. He keeps the council current on all veterans' activities.

We are proud of all our veterans, we thank them for their service. We also thank them for representing the Tribe at activities all over Oregon.

Thank you, Tony, for the work that you do. Keep it up.

Restoration

The Tribe celebrated 37 years of Tribal Restoration last month. This year, we honored the memory of former Tribal Council member Stanley Strong, former Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard and Oregon Governor Victor Atiyeh.

Stanley served on the council after Restoration and during the time that the Tribe needed to establish a reservation. He traveled to Washington, D.C., and testified favorably before Congress. His testimony was read by his grandson, Jack Strong. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Stanley Strong.

Forrest Gerard was a staffer for Sen. Jackson when he was first introduced to the Tribe. He served Tribes in several key positions but was instrumental in

assisting the Tribe's Restoration and as Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in getting our 3,660-acre reservation established.

I have written several articles about Gov. Atiyeh, his work as governor and his tireless work with Oregon Tribes. It's only befitting that we recognize him for his faith in Siletz, other Tribes and Oregon in general.

He attended our very first Restoration Celebration in Newport and always reminded me of the cold facility where we celebrated. He was with us for many years celebrating Restoration activities at Chinook Winds. He also told me that he always made a contribution to the Tribe on the casino floor.



Delores Pigsley

Holidays

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Courtesy photo

Verdene McGuire and Katy Holland, members of the Native American Community Advisory Council for the City of Portland's Parks and Recreation office, join Portland City Council members and others for the reading of the city's Native American Heritage Month proclamation at City Hall on Nov. 5. Verdene and Katy are in the center of the photo in rust (Verdene) and purple (Katy) wing dresses.



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Elders Council Meeting

Dec. 13 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Golf Resort

Siletz Elder potlucks are held monthly at 6 p.m. on the Monday before the regularly scheduled Elders meeting. Please bring a potluck dish you would like to share.

For more information, contact the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261.

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz
 Tribal Community Center
 Dec. 1 – 6-8 p.m.
 Jan. 5 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland
 Portland Area Office
 Dec. 8 – 6-8 p.m.
 Jan. 12 – 6-8 p.m.

Eugene
 Eugene Area Office
 Dec. 2 – 6-8 p.m.
 Jan. 6 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem
 Salem Area Office
 Dec. 9 – 6-8 p.m.
 Jan. 13 – 6-8 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 email budl@ctsi.nsn.us.