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Above: Shawna Gray (left), Angela Ramirez and Glendora Osborn represent STAHS at the Angels Ball.

Right: Wreath created by Glendora Osborn



## STAHS reaches out to spread word about Tribal cultural center/museum

By Teresa Simmons

Members of the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society seize the opportunity to become involved in local activities and share the word about the proposed cul-

tural center with a museum component whenever possible. Sharing the dream is an uplifting experience and networking at many of these events is helping the board

discover the resources that may be available to reach our ultimate goal.

STAHS members attended the Angels Ball at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Dec. 1, one of the largest charitable

fundraisers of the year in Lincoln City.

As in past years the STAHS wreath, this year designed by Glendora Osborn, was a stunning addition to the silent auction.

For more information about the Siletz Tribal language program, please visit [siletzlanguage.org](http://siletzlanguage.org).

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involved at all in the events because of my health. I made efforts to attend shows, but I was always a little foggy from all of the chemo."

Not being involved every day made him feel that he couldn't give it 100 percent. He is working toward a cancer-free diagnosis and the future traveling with his wife after retirement.

Jenkins has two adopted children and two stepchildren. His adopted children were brought into his life when he worked with youth in the community centers. They have been by his side the entire journey.

He has a stepdaughter, Jerry Johnson, who is a Navy vet and she has a daughter in the Air Force. Jenkins also has nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild to now spend time with in his retirement years.

Jenkins may be retiring from this part of his life, but his new adventures are about to begin.

A note from fellow Commissioner Barry Kessinger

I still can't believe my good friend, Mr. Lee Jenkins, is retiring from the athletic commission that he helped found in 1999 along with Mr. Reggie Butler. Lee and his wonderful wife, Mollie, have been like family to me since first meeting them over 16 years ago when I was selected to join the Siletz Tribal Athletic Commission.

Lee has the innate ability to make you feel like family after working with him for a short period of time. I could easily see through his words and actions – he's all about family and being a positive influence for the upcoming generations.

Others can touch on the amount of volunteer time Lee spent traveling as a boxing coach driving the youth all over the West Coast for tournaments, but it must have been like having a second full-time job where the only payment you receive were the smiles of the kids and seeing hard work pay off. To Lee, it's all about the kids!

I witnessed the impact he had on others many times. Lee would be so gracious and introduce me to many of his former boxers he had trained over the years and have now grown to become family men like himself.

Like me, when his former boxers would see him, they'd come running up to give him a big hug and ask how he's been. I could see how many people sincerely cared about Lee, not just at Chinook Winds during our shows, but also across the United States when traveling with him for conferences.

If we as commissioners were to wear numbered jerseys, his number would be retired and raised to the rafters with the greats! I will miss my friend in our meetings and events, but our friendship is beyond just our commission ties.

Fun Lee fact: Lee picked up painting a few years back and his progression has been incredible. Among his varied talents, who would've thought portrait painting would be toward the top of his talents.

From your friend and co-commissioner – Barry Kessinger

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