

Chairman's Report

The recent election left the Council unchanged. Congratulations Bud, Frank and Art. I believe it shows that tribal members want us to continue the kind of leadership we have provided over the years.

The tasks of the tribal council regarding STEDCO and Land Acquisition continue to be a priority. The Council needs to give STEDCO its continued support, both financially and politically. Discussions at the candidates' fairs and at the General Council meetings indicate that economic development remains the number one concern of tribal members. STEDCO was created to assume responsibility for that development and is functioning quite well. It is assuming its responsibilities aggressively and professionally. If you have concerns, please come to one of its meetings and be heard.

I believe the preliminary work on land acquisition is completed and it is time to prepare a bill and present it to Congress. I intend to push aggressively within the next few months for a final resolution of the issue.

While we work to complete our projects, we still need to move on to other areas of concern. At a recent planning meeting of the Council, we took a hard look at what we are in business to do. Based on that meeting, I am in the process of formulating an agenda which will address the following matters.

We must do even more to save our history and preserve everything that remains of our past. Every tribal member needs the opportunity to learn our history and what remains of our language and culture so that we understand what we were and what we are now. Our first language class is set for March 28, 1987 at the Community Center.

We need a greater effort to foster togetherness among tribal members. I intend to push for new community functions involving both cultural and recreational activities.

We need to focus on helping our undereducated people. Tribal members are smart, capable individuals, but many suffer from lack of educational opportunities or missed opportunities in public schools. We need to identify and establish programs to fill those gaps in education and training so that our people are more employable in better, higher paying jobs. I would prefer to utilize our resources to help members achieve the permanent ability to help themselves rather than grant temporary aid for financial difficulties.

Our Tribe needs to become more active in developing national and state policies that affect our membership. We have a new Governor and will soon have a new President. New policies will be formulated, many will have a direct impact on us all. A good example is the National Health Insurance proposal. It is an issue which will affect many of our people. We should study the proposals and actively support the one that is best for us.

Another example is the development of new forest management plans for national forests. The draft plan for the Siuslaw National Forest indicates that allowable timber harvests will be reduced drastically. Since tribal members long have depended upon jobs in the timber industry, I believe we should take a close look at this and other plans to determine if appropriate consideration has been given to the welfare of our people.

Our new Governor has proposed an agenda which will affect the ability of our members to participate in social welfare programs, take advantage of economic opportunity and benefit from the State's education system. We should not go unheard in the development of Mr. Goldschmidt's programs and policies.

I believe most of our Council members recognize their responsibilities to work for the best interest of the Tribe. I will encourage the Council to develop a list of priorities and develop plans to make our voice heard. Please let me know your thoughts.

"Opinions Questions Concerns"

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Letters To Editor

To the Editor,

I would like to thank all of the people who supported me in the February Tribal Council election. I would also like to thank the other candidates who ran, for making the effort they did. It has been an honor serving our people for the last three years and I look forward to the next three. 1987 will be a challenging year for our Tribal government. Major steps in our Land Acquisition, Economic Development, Cultural Preservation and Housing Development efforts will be taken. With input and support from all of us, I'm positive we will be successful in these fields as well as others. I look forward to the work that needs to be done and I hope to see you at our various Tribal meetings.

Sincerely,
Alfred Lane III
Tribal Vice-Chairman
Siletz, Oregon

Dear Tribal Members,

I want to publicly state my appreciation to the seventy-nine tribal members who expressed confidence in my candidacy at the recent tribal Council elections. I also commend all tribal members who took the time and effort to vote and encourage those that didn't to participate next year.

In view of the potential responsibility of serving on Council, I consider this candidacy as one of my most challenging, and yet satisfying, experiences. I learned a great deal in traveling to each area's candidates' fair. I was impressed by the number and scope of questions and concerns expressed by tribal members. These covered a variety of topics — education, culture, tribal membership requirements, elders, economic development, and attention to tribal members' needs throughout the 11-county service area. I encourage all of you to continue this dialogue with your leadership at regular Tribal Council and General Council meetings.

In closing, again, I thank you for your support. I hope it continues. I hope it grows. And, I hope that you'll express it again at next year's election.

Respectfully Yours,
Bonnie M. Petersen

Dear Editor,

The disease of alcoholism is an obsession of the mind, coupled with a physical compulsion. Alcohol has become the ruler of the mind and the body has an irresistible impulse to do something irrational. Most people can use alcohol and take it or leave it as they choose, but once the phenomona of craving begins, it is impossible to satisfy the thirst and that is when a person is an alcoholic, it is usually well past

the drinking of choice, that is to stop when desired.

This disease is not limited to any one race, group or class of people. It strikes everyone, the well educated, wealthy, low-income, men, women, boys and girls. It will have the same effect on all.

When a person has an illness such as cancer, others are sympathetic and will offer help and encouragement. This is not so with alcoholism, in fact it is just the opposite. People will look with scorn at the affected person, though they need help desperately, few will extend themselves. They are not a pretty lot, but help is available.

The disease can be arrested, it cannot be cured. Once addicted to alcohol it is forever. It can be reversed, even though a person stops using alcohol, the disease progresses. After a long dry spell, a person starts using again, it will be as if one never stopped. The only chance of recovery is complete abstinence.

I have become involved with the Lincoln County Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program and I am am alcoholic.

Janet Dair, the Tribal Alcoholic Counselor and myself would like to set up a support system for anyone that may have a problem with alcohol or drugs, or for someone that lives with the problem. Call 444-2532, ext. 43.

Walt Klamath

To the Editor,

Special thanks to all Tribal members who supported me in the recent Tribal Council election.

At the last General Council meeting there seemed to be a very good turnout and it was such a good meeting. But I noticed our American

flag was not displayed inside at the speakers' platform. This to me is sad. Why can't we have "Old Glory" wave on the days permissible, barring bad weather and so forth? Our Tribal Center should have the flag out each day without fail.

Another important factor,

and possibly so to other tribal members, is to look at our present Tribal Council and see just how many are very close relatives. Four are brothers and sisters, two more are very close relatives. Why can't we have more of a distribution of tribal members on the Council that are not so close relatives? This is something the Election Board should consider in the future, it's more important than having our own language.

Thanks Kindly,
Martha "Marty" McMahon
Tribal Member

Working Mother

My working mother works night and day trying to please everyone in every way.

She does her share and even more.

She keeps her temper though times are hard always keeping things in line. Even when her boss may yell she's always ready for her next duty. She'll go

out and get 'em cause she's got PRIDE and she's my mother.

Submitted by Alison Jones
2/5/87

Donations Requested

Anette Smith, member of the Newport Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, is requesting donations of tribal artifacts or crafts which they can sell during their National Conference. All proceeds from the sale of these items would go to Bacone College in Oklahoma, a college for Native Americans.

If anyone has any items to donate, beadwork, basketry or other, please contact Anette at 265-7045 before April 1, 1987. All donations will list who donated the article and what tribe they are from.

Committee Appointments

Timber Committee

Frank Simmons
Bud Lane
Art Bensell
Manuel Rilatos
Robert Rilatos, Jr.

Education Committee

Mike Darcy
Gloria Werth
Cheryl Lane
Bev Owen
Sharon Butler
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Gary Butler
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