

Here Comes Santa Clause

With a "Ho, Ho, Ho!" and marching to "Here Comes Santa Claus", (sung by the Siletz Tribal Tiger-Nichol Choir, awww what a crew..) the big guy came in with a flourish....

The Siletz Community Christmas Program this year was a great success. If you were here last year remember you couldn't even move, this year there was room to move and breath. Everyone enjoyed themselves, especially the kids. (and I'm still a kid at heart aren't you?)

On Thursday nite the 7th, we had a cookie bake and candy bagging get together. The candy bagging went so fast we didn't even have time to snatch any candy...and the gals in the kitchen baking the cookies looked like they were all on fast forward video, well we all did, it went so smooth and fast. I guess thats called getting it together. We figured we did over 300 bags.

Without the help of the Siletz Grange I don't know what we would have done, especially if you have people like Gene Lasater, Alice Richardson and Frances Klamath around to call if you need something done and don't have time to do it. We really owe these people a "Big Thank You" for all they did. With Alice and Frances' help, calling business' for donations we came up with over \$400 for the candy and fruit and everything else that was needed. Thats pretty good considering we started out with nothing.

We would like to thank the following people for helping on Thursday nite: Gene Laster, Frances Klamath, Joy Speakman Fread, Kelley Ellis, Liz John, Floyce Brooker, Jack & Alice Richardson, Louise Kelson, Jean Sweet, Merle Schaff, Madge Mason, Nancy Simmons, Shannon Welch, Karen Bell, Lillie Butler, Sheryl Simmons, Betti McKnight, Ronald Butler, Teresa & Alissa Miller and anyone we have forgotten.

Friday the 8th, the staff had their annual Christmas party and decorated the hall. The presents from their Secret Santas were passed out and the secrets were over. There were some great presents given this year, everyone had a good time laughing over some of them. The Forestry guys had a tree already up and Bris was given such a bad time about the "ugly" tree, (believe me it was worse than Charlie Browns) so I called Breon's Tree Farm and they donated one to us and Kristi went with Bris to pick it out... Watching the guys put up that tree was hilarious. We would have yelled "Timber!", when it went over, but we were holding our breath and our sides...They even used a fishing pole? We got pictures to prove it guys...thanks to Teresa. Oh well they eventually got it up, and it was a pretty one. With the help of some of the staff we made angels, bells, trees, whatever we could think of and decorated what we could

before we had to leave. We came back Saturday morning and a few showed up to help, Kelley Ellis, Liz John, Denise came in and Jack Retasket showed up (the only man!! but you can always count on Jack) between us we finished it. A Big Thanks and Hug to Totti (Carlotta Edenfield) for doing the programs, she had to wing it alone for awhile, but I met her Saturday morning, and with the help of her daughter Sara, Teresa and her daughter Alissa we got them done.

Saturday the big day came and we worried about not having enough food or this or that but as usual it all turned out ok.

We want to thank Phil, our General Manager for Emceeing for us, and all the participants, who came to entertain all of us. We truly enjoyed it all.

The kids were great, we got a big kick out of Denise's boy Mack, who says he knows who Santa really is and thats Frank Petersen, so there... Frank your stuck big guy. Mackers knows boy, you're really Santa. We wanted to have a Mrs. Santa, but before we knew it, it was already here. Edenfield, Shyla Simmons, and Ronell Welch, you did a great job helping Santa.

We especially want to Thank the following in "Our Community" for their donations, if it wasn't for you we couldn't have done this. You made a lot of kids and adults happy and brought smiles to us all.

National Security Bank, Siletz
Abe Long, 86 Club, Siletz
Larry Weaver, Siletz Mobil
Siletz Valley Locker
Bruce Parsons, O.D., P.C., Toledo
Norma McMillen, Newport
Little Chief, Siletz
Renshaws, Newport
Dr. Kaufman, Toledo
Friday nite Bingo Players
Bud & Cheryl Lane
Craig Dorsay, Tribal Attny.
Joe Lane
Ben Franklin, Newport
Central Office, Siletz
Jean & Jack Sweet
Payless Drug Store, Newport
Safeway, Newport
J.C. Market, Toledo
Noels Market, Siletz
Mikes Pharmacy, Toledo
Sara & Diana Edenfield
Denise Wilson
Area Office II, Siletz
Christy Lane, Country Cuts, Siletz
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Area Office I, Siletz
Social Services Office, Siletz

We the Staff wish all of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Shirley Strickler & Denise Wilson
Co-Chairwomen, for Community Christmas 89

A Special Thank You to Shirley Weaver for jumping in and playing the piano for us at the last minute. We tried to keep up.... Thank you to our Elves, Sara



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