

## A letter of Encouragement & Congratulations

**Editors Note:** Recently Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley received the following letter from Helen Peterson.

Helen was recognized by the Siletz Tribe at the Awards Banquet and also recently honored by the National Congress of American Indians in Denver, Colorado for having served as Executive Director longer than any other Director (1953 - 1962). As executive Director during the 1950's Mrs. Peterson helped mobilize a major, national campaign against Termination. She fought throughout her life for tribal sovereignty and for the rights of Indian Tribes. She served as Special Assistant to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and has served on the national boards of the Girl Scouts and the Episcopal Church. She was recipient of a special award from Columbia University and holds two honorary doctorates. She has been a strong supporter and friend of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Dear Dee:

*This letter is long overdue. I intended to write earlier to express my thanks to you and the Siletz Council for recognizing me at the awards banquet and for giving me the opportunity of seeing old friends again.*

*However, since the banquet, I was involved in a number of things that delayed writing - I moved residences, ended up in the hospital, attended NCAI, etc. I'm settled down once again, long enough to write this brief note.*

*As you know, I have been a strong and long time advocate and admirer of the Siletz Tribe - a Tribe that has made amazing progress since*

*Restoration just 17 years ago, 10 of which were under your chairmanship! Your programs in education, health, employment assistance, self governance under BIA and IHS ....all attest to the Tribe's accomplishments! The fine reputation of the Siletz Tribe is well deserved.*

*Also, I learned recently that your effort to establish a gaming center took a giant step forward under very difficult circumstances. I congratulate your Council - especially your leadership, Dee, and that of your vice-chairman, Jessie - for accomplishing this feat.*

*I followed closely, the gaming project as it evolved - the courage and tenacity with which you and Jessie - and the Council - pursued your objective in the face of terrific odds. As one who has long been involved with Indian issues on both local and regional levels, I know how difficult it must have been.*

*I assume you have your detractors within the Tribe as well as outside. It's always easier to sit back and criticize than to make tough decisions. Hopefully, even your detractors will come to realize what you have accomplished. You and Jessie have often talked about how the income from gaming will help the children of the Tribe the Elders, and the generations yet to come.*

*Your gaming enterprise and the revenues it will generate will accomplish that objective!*

*Once again, please convey to your Council my deep appreciation for honoring me. You can count on my continued support of your efforts.*

Sincerely,  
Helen L. Peterson  
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## NEW JTPA ORIENTATION STARTS IN SILETZ

The JTPA Program will hold weekly orientation for prospective participants. The orientation determines eligibility for services and assist clients with obtaining necessary documentation. The first orientation will be Wednesday at 1:00pm November 9, 1994 and every Wednesday following. The location will be at the Siletz JTPA Office. Plan to spend at least 1 to 2 hours completing your testing and paperwork.

The following documentation is required for all clients (please, bring what you have to the orientation):

- \*Tribal I.D., Drivers Licence, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate(s).
- \*Residential Address examples are: rent receipt utility bill, addressed enveloped with cancelled stamp to show mail delivery, drivers licence, etc.
- \*Income: During the last 6 months or last 12 months prior to the orientation.
  - A. Proof of personal income: (check stubs for employers, etc.)
  - B. Proof of income for other family members in same household.
- \*Work Permit (if you are under the age of 18)

Some participants will also have to document the following:

- \*Number in Family: Marriage Certificate, Birth certificate of Children, listing of number in family on Food Stamp or AFDC forms, etc.
- \*Public Assistance: Health Card for Public Assistance Programs, Food Stamp Card, Status from General Assistance, etc.
- \*Selective Service Registration: All male participants born January 1, 1960 or later who are within 30 days of their 18th birthday or older must show proof of registration for Selective Service. Bring the letter sent to you to verify your registration. If you have lost it, or have not yet registered, staff has methods of assisting you.

If you have any question please feel free to call Linda Rilatos, Counselor and Darin Rilatos, Assistant Counselor at 1-800-922-1399 or (503)444-4213 or 4263. Thank you.

## CAPRICORN



The Goat

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You are driven to achieve. Like the mountain goat, you can be stubborn in your resolve to climb higher, whether it be at work or in your personal goals. You don't like to pause and reflect on what you've achieved; for you, time spent resting is time wasted. More challenges await just around the corner, and you are eager to get there. But your achievements come honestly. You won't step on others to get what you want, although you might give them a gentle nudge to the side if they stand in your way.

**At work:** Capricorns work fast and hard. They will remind you that you reap what you sow; rewards come to those who work diligently. Capricorn bosses are good listeners and will support you in your endeavors. But they have their own ambitions that cannot be sidetracked. You don't want to be on the receiving end of those Capricorn horns.

**Famous Capricorns:** Martin Luther King Jr.; Don Shula; Howard Hughes; Walter Mondale; Albert Schweitzer.

## COASTAL SHELL NECKLACE CLASS

Submitted by Selene Rilatos-Lynch

The Culture Committee have submitted a proposal to Tribal Council through the Cultural Activities Budget to do a Coastal Shell Necklace Class. If approved, the class will be held in February, the class size will be for 20 tribal members and the deadline to sign up is Jan. 31, 1995. You can sign up by calling me at (503) 444-4292.