

Mandatory Paid Vacation?

Here we go again folks. It's that time of year for the Tribal Employees Annual "Retreat" to Seaside, OR. But, that's alright, I guess. If the Tribal Council can go to Las Vegas for a week, all expenses paid, what's another \$6,000.00 or so to have a Tribal workshop on Seaside. Let's put this into perspective. This means approximately 150-200 Tribal employees will get their daily wages, mileage, per diem and all room rates for 2 nights, 3 days. This money all comes out of something called "BIA Self-Government Carry Over Funds" Hmm. After calling the Tribal Acct. and listening to a lengthy explanation of what this term means, it simply breaks down to "Indirect Funds". Now, what is "Indirect Funds"? It is monies left over from program budgets that have been received to run the Tribe for a fiscal year. So it all goes into a big pot to be spent "as needed" by the tribal managers. You have all heard the term "use it or lose it", which means if a program has budgeted too much money, get rid of it. Because if it is not used this year, you won't be given that amount next year. But my fellow Tribal members, do we have to throw it away? It boggles my mind that the business leaders of this Tribe cannot funnel these monies into a more purposeful use. We are in dire need of many, many things on this reservation, a kids summer rec program, police protection. In my opinion, "mandatory paid vacations" are not one of them. Yes, I know that there are meetings to be attended at these "retreats", on employee-employer relations, Tribal policies, etc. But lets call it what it is, okay? These matters can be taken care of here. Thank you, Jolene, for getting up and airing your conscience on this matter. We need more people to care about a lot of things going on. And, I understand the other side of this too. It's hard to say "no" when it's a mandatory process. And a paid 2 nights and 3 day vacation that you have to take.

C.W. Case

A SPECIAL THANKS to all of the Pauline Ricks families and the Pow Wow Committee, for asking me to participate in this years Pow Wow, as one of the head dancers. It was indeed a pleasure and honor, I did it with love, sorrow, and gratefulness for my dear departed friend.

I would also like to thank William and Vivian Depoe and all the Depoe family for the beautiful pendleton blanket presented to me. This is my first and I shall cherish it. May god keep you well, William, and bless each and everyone in your family.

Thanks Margo and Don for your kind hospitality. Love you, Mom.

Thanks Billy and Madge for your hard work.

Gladys Bolton

To a very special Prairie Band Potawatami. T.M.B. I'm sending you a cassette tape of the late country singer Charlie Rich song's. These songs have alot of heart. T.M.B. going back to reservation life is a big change.

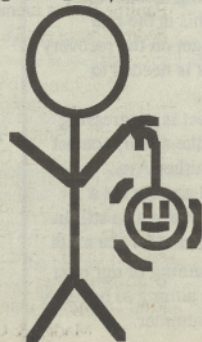
Your friend, Royce Strong, Too Too Tony, Tolowa Chetco, Sixes, Applegate

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to say Hello to my new found family James (or Jim) Wooten, his mom and my grandmother Tina, and to my two Aunts, Carin and Robin. I can't wait to meet you! I think it's been long enough!

With Love,
Michelle Christine Kagy

Happy Birthday to
Jeremy (yo-yo) Vollman,
August 19. Love Ya, FLEA



Happy Birthday Flea!!
Love,
Bucca Lee

Happy 1st Birthday
Jonathan, we love
you very much.

Mom, Dad,
your sisters, and
brothers

Dear Mr. Gaurdipee,

I want to
thank you and my
family thanks you.
We love you and
greatly appreciate
your support with my
alcohol program.
Without you I would
have never completed
the program.

With love,
The Butler
family, Little-Little,
Sunshine, Bird, Levi



Best Wishes
to my sister
Robina!

Love,
Ron & Ron

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
ANNA BANNA
LOVE,
AUNT RON &
UNCLE RON

Happy
Birthday
Mommy
Love,
Shu'ut' Li

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
MOMMY
LOVE,
KYLE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ON SEPTEMBER 22 TO
CHRISTOPHER BROWN!
HOPE YA HAVE A GOOD TIME
LOVE YA LOTS,
YOUR CUZ, FLEA!!!

Happy
2nd
Birthday
Teri,
wherever
you are!!
love,
Aunt Ronda

HAPPY
20TH
BIRTHDAY
SONDRA
LOVE,
MOM &
RANDY

Happy Birthday to my
two brothers. I love
you both.

From your
sister, Lavetta, in
Yakima, Washington

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
ROBINA, SONDR
&
ANNIE
SEPTEMBER
29TH

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