

Chairman's Report

From Delores Pigsley

Two events will take place within one week in June that are of major significance to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz: the grand opening of the Chinook Winds Gaming and Convention Center and the dedication of the Ceremonial Siletz Dance House.

They are two distinct events: one that involves the dedication of an enormous facility with the newest materials and most sophisticated technology; the other that involves the dedication of a ceremonial dance house made of beautifully hand-crafted cedar.

Although completely dissimilar, they are like two sides of the same coin - two parts of one integral whole that compliment each other.

Chinook Winds reflects the Tribe's Restoration of economic self-sufficiency (and remember, the Siletz people were self-sufficient during pre-reservation times); the Dance House represents the Restoration of our spiritual values - the strength to survive adversity and to live in harmony with our environment.

The Ceremonial Dance House is the inspiration of Bud Lane, Snoball Butler, and Robert Kentta and a score of volunteers who contributed countless hours to construct by hand, this spiritual place in Siletz. It is the House of our Tribal Feather Dance.

The Summer Solstice ceremony dedicating the House was held on Friday and Saturday, June 21st and 22nd, which signified "world renewal and the giving of thanks; prayers for all creation; and the continuance of all good things in life."

Exactly one week later, the Tribe will hold the Grand Opening of Chinook Winds Gaming Convention Center, that immense structure, culminating five long years of effort.

Special recognition must be given to Jessie Davis, the Tribal Council's Gaming Representative, and her Ad Hoc Committee, who labored tirelessly the past five years to help make our dream a reality.

As magnificent as Chinook Winds is, however, it is not an end in itself - it is the beginning - the means by which we will achieve a better life for our people through improved health, education, housing and other

programs.

With the establishment of Chinook Winds and the Dance House, which we celebrate this month, we have proven to the world and to ourselves how the Siletz Tribe has successfully balanced economic progress on the one hand and preserved our spiritual values on the other. Both are essential to the strength and future of our Tribe. Both have given new life to the meaning of the words "Siletz Restoration".

Gaming Report

From Jessie Davis,
Chairman Ad Hoc Gaming Committee

Chinook Winds' Grand Opening!

We are now just days away from the Grand Opening of our Chinook Winds Gaming and Convention Center. You will not believe your eyes; it's great on the outside but wait 'till you see the inside....it's as beautiful as anything you'll find in Reno or Las Vegas without being garish.

But, we will bid a sad farewell to our "tent", the temporary SPRUNG structure, that has served us well in so many ways this past year. It's been a fun, friendly place. We'll always cherish fond memories of our "tent" that housed our first venture into gaming.

But now, on to the future and the Grand Opening of the Chinook Winds Gaming and Convention Center!

Governor Signs Tribal/State Compact Amendment

After months of intensive negotiations with the Governor's Team, our Compact has been amended to allow for Class III Blackjack in our permanent facility for a period of eighteen months after which we will renegotiate for the continued operation of house banked Blackjack.

The Compact also provides for up to 1,053 slot machines, more than the 817 which we negotiated for earlier.

Unlike some other tribal compacts that must be renegotiated periodically, the Siletz Compact has no terminal date.

Inland Casino Provides Consultation

With a million things to do in gearing up for the permanent facility, Burgess Harmer, our General Manager, has had a need for marketing assistance.

Arranged by Fritz Opel of Inland Casino, Bob Regent and Leslie Davis have been on-site to provide expert

marketing consultation that Burgess has badly needed for the permanent center. Working closely with Harmer, Regent and Davis have implemented an outstanding publicity campaign about Chinook Winds on TV, radio and in the newspapers.

Ralene Butler to Fill Vacant Gaming Commissioner Seat

Ralene Butler was among thirty-five candidates who competed for the tribal Gaming Commission position, surviving two rounds of interviews and a tough questionnaire. Ralene will serve as Gaming Commissioner for a three year term effective July 1st.

As a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law, Ralene is expected to contribute importantly to the regulatory functions of the Gaming Commission.

Construction of the Permanent Facility on Target

Kudos to Andy McCord of PCL and his construction crew for what is an absolutely wonderful job!

They have pulled it off! Chinook Winds will be completed on target! And to think the steel that supports this imposing structure wasn't fabricated and installed until just six months ago!

Remember- the Grand Opening and Exciting Festivities Start at Noon on Friday, June 28th

Remember, Tammy Wynette and Williams & Reel

Tribal Members 16 and older are eligible for 2 free tickets for the Friday, June 28th, 7pm and 9pm shows and are urged to contact Emily Eldridge at Chinook Winds Marketing Department for reservations.

For the Saturday, June 29th shows, tickets are on sale to the general public at Ticketmasters. Call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (1-888-624-6228).

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Assistant Tribal Forester/Forest Engineer, \$31,151 annually,
Closes 7/5/96

Patient & Client Transporter
(On-call NTE 16 hours per week) \$5.82 per hour, open continuously

Medical Officer, salary negotiable,
Open 'till filled

Temporary positions are available as well. Call in if interested.

Tribal Indian Preference will apply. For Tribal application call the Personnel Officer at 1-800-922-1399 or (503) 444-2532.