



Chairman Delores Pigsley Greeting
Guests at the Gaming Center Opening

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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IMPORTANT SUMMER EVENTS

Recently, we have had one important event after another. In June alone, we dedicated our ceremonial Dance House followed by celebrating the Grand Opening of our Chinook Winds Gaming and Convention Center.

Now, once again this month, we are making preparations for our annual Pow Wow that has grown to be one of the best and biggest in the northwest attracting singers, dancers and thousands of visitors from all over the country.

We are looking forward to another great Pow-Wow.

COLLABORATING WITH GRAND RONDE

While we have been in healthy competition with our neighbors, the Grand Ronde Tribe, in our gaming enterprises, we have been working closely with each other on two major projects.

Together, we have been working closely on efforts to acquire part of the Chemawa property and to develop a comprehensive plan for its use. We have been moving ahead in our negotiations with Area Director Stan Speaks who has been very responsive of our acquisition of this property. under joint ownership and administration, the property has great economic, social and cultural potential.

We are also working cooperatively with the Grand Ronde in planning with the Indian Health Service for the operation of the Western Oregon Service Unit.

Both these projects demonstrate the fact that despite our spirited

competition on gaming matters, we can cooperate on projects of mutual benefit.

It is in this spirit of cooperation that the Siletz Tribe is actively involved with other tribes and Indian organizations in addressing critical Indian issues at the national and state levels.

THE THREAT TO INDIAN TRIBES AND POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

We have reported frequently on the anti-Indian mood in the U.S. Congress and the need for tribes to work together in preventing the passage of bills or inimical to Indian interests

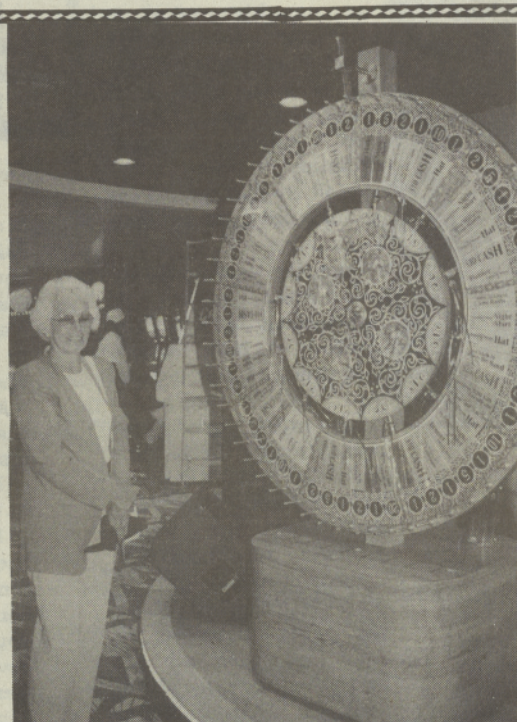
The threat to Indian programs, funding and to tribal sovereignty itself is real and persistent. The threat lies especially in the House of Representatives but also in the Senate where Senator Slade Gorton of Washington recently introduced a bill

that would have given states virtual veto power over the fee-to-trust process. Fortunately, this proposal didn't get off the ground. But anti-Indian's like Gorton are persistent - dedicated to having Congress pass legislation that would not only undermine the fee-to-trust process but also tribal sovereignty.

It is essential that tribes rally behind those congressional representatives and candidates that support Indian tribes. It is with this in mind that I, as Tribal Chairman, and the Siletz Tribal Council, have been politically involved. I urge all members of the Siletz Tribe of voting age to register to vote and to actively participate in the political process.



General Manager Burgess Harmer &
Vice Chairman Jessie Davis working
out some last minute details prior to
the Grand Opening



Gladys Bolton took a spin on the
"Wheel of Fortune"



The cars were backed up with patrons
headed for the Casino Grand Opening