

Health board members recognized 10th anniversary

by Sid Miller

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board held its tenth anniversary banquet at 7 p.m. on April 13 in the Marriott Hotel in downtown Portland.

Following the dinner, Mel Sampson of Yakima, Chairman of the Board, made the opening remarks reflecting back through the first ten years of the board's existence. He said it was no easy task getting the organization going. A lot of hard work by the few who were involved in starting the Health Board at that time should be acknowledged and commended, he said. The first Board members were Christine SiJohn, Mel Sampson, Delbert Frank, Shirley Palmer and Dr. C.S. Stitt. All but Dr. Stitt are still active with the organization. Dr. Stitt is currently the Portland Area Health Director.

Roger Jim, Councilman from Yakima, in his remarks said, at first the board was undecided as to what capacity it could best serve—a policy-making board or to act in an advisory capacity. The Board chose the latter and it has been working quite well, especially with the Indian health problems here in the Northwest.

Other speakers included Frank Wright, Puyallup; Ramona Morris, Lummi, and Marilyn Wandra of the



During the ceremonies at the Indian Health Board banquet, Charlotte Herkshan is giving recognition to the Warm Springs members. Bing SiJohn and Mel Sampson in the background.

National Health Board. All speakers gave a brief history, and in their views, the difficult task it was at first but as things got going it seemed to fall into place.

There are 34 federally recognized tribes throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The board serves in an advisory capacity for the Indian Health Service, setting a number of policies concerning the Indian health problems within the 34 tribes. The Board also determines who is eligible and who is not eligible for IHS care.

At the present time, the board members and alternates for each area are as follows.

Warm Springs: Cheryl Kennedy, delegate, Delbert Frank, alternate, with Charlotte Herkshan a sub-alternate and is active only during the absence of Delbert Frank. Other members are: the Spokane Tribe: Chris SiJohn and Dave Wynecoop; Fort Hall: Lionel Boyer and Kesley Edmo; Northern Idaho: Bingo SiJohn and Walter Moffet; Western Oregon: (Chemawa) Mary Alice and Delores Pigsley; Neah Bay: Lynn Denny and Bea Charles; Puget Sound: Kaven Fryberg and Anne Pavel; Tahola: Joan Cavame and Martha Boyer; Western Washington: Violet Hillare and Margaret Johnson;

Colville: Shirley Palmer and Mel Tanosket and the Umatilla Yellowhawk clinic: Elwood Patowa.

Felicia Hodge, who was instrumental in establishing the IHS Board, has retired and now resides in Berkeley, California where she is attending school. There were 36 past and present board member certificates handed out to all who have once served on the Health Board.

The HEW committee of Yakima which includes Roger Jim, Nelson Moses and Wilferd Yallup, presented a gift to their service unit director, Bill Murry, for his outstanding work on the Yakima

reservation.

Charlotte Herkshan, on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, acknowledged its members Delbert Frank, Sr. and Prosanna Williams for their continuous work and support for the Health board by presenting each with a plaque. A special recognition was made to Beulah Switzler for her outstanding work as clerk for the HEW committee here in Warm Springs. A special award was also presented to Rosella Mosley for her outstanding work with the Board.

Sho-Ban Tribal Council presented a cut-bead check-book cover to Felicia Hodge for her dedication and time put in working with the Board.

Those who attended the banquet from Warm Springs were Health and Welfare committee members Charlotte Herkshan, Alice Florendo, Janice Clements, Rosie Tom and Beulah Switzler.

Rounding out the program for the evening was Miss Warm Springs, Lenora Starr. She did a fine job in presenting the legend of "The Columbia River Monster." Miss Starr will be representing the Confederated Tribes throughout the year at all tribal gatherings and meetings such as the NCAI, ATNI, along with Miss Indian America Pageant and many, many powwows as well as many local functions. "Ee Au"

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operation, one of two all-Indian Job Corp centers in the United States, the tribal forestry enterprise, the tribal and BIA offices and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Community College.

Warm Springs Councilman Mike Clements serves as president of the Intertribal Timber Council. He will act as moderator for the second day of the conference. Ken Smith will be speaking as will Ernie Corrick of the Rocky

Mountain Operation on the second day. Also included that day will be panels, one moderated by Keith Little of the Navajo Forest Products Industries and entitled Indian Forest. The second panel, moderated by Mike Clements, will discuss timber administrative deduction and cooperative agreements.

On the third day of the symposium, taxation will be discussed. Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield will also address

the group. A panel discussing forest watershed and water rights, moderated by Warm Springs fiscal manager Doug McClelland will follow Hatfield's remarks. Workshops discussing the panel presentations will be held.

The workshops will continue through the first half of the final day of the symposium. The recommendation, findings and/or conclusions will be presented as a conclusion of the symposium.

Title IV election May 10

The Title IV parent committee election will take place on May 10. Those nominated for the 22 positions include: Alvina Huesties, Liz Rhoan, Verbena Green, Anna Hurtado, Ned Hurtado, Charlotte Herkshan, Vince

Powell, Irene Conroy, Louise Katchia, Doris Miller, Arlita Rhoan, Pinky Beymer, Tommy Kalama, Geneva Smith, Kay Sixkiller, Lulie Youngdeer, Pat Crocker, Lorraine Lavenik and Rob Hastings.

Nominations for committee positions are still open.

Harriet Schuster for Satus queen

Daughter of Pat and Alvin Schuster of Wapato, Washington, Harriet Juanita Schuster is running for Satus Powwow queen.

A 15 year-old eighth-grader at Wapato Jr. High, Harriet enjoys basketball and dancing and is a member of the Jr. High Indian Club.

Harriet is selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 each. Prizes in the raffle include furniture, blankets, watches, money, a T.V., beaded caps, cassette player, belts, vests, beaded bags and a matched beaded belt buckle and bolo tie.

Harriet's grandfathers are Ellison Schuster, Fred Johnson, Sr. and Cy Katchia. Her deceased grandfathers are Archie Mitchell and Noah Mitchell. Her grandmothers are Laura Crowe, Evelyn Sam, Ada Polk, Caroline Tohet, Emma Telakish, Josephine Umtuch and Rose Mitchell. Her deceased grandmother is Juanita Johnson. Her great-



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Behrend

grandmother is 107 year-old Mary Schuster.

If you cannot find Harriet to

purchase tickets, contact Blondie Bryant. She has tickets to sell in Warm Springs.

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