

President's Cancer Panel hears concerns of tribes

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Five tribal members from Warm Springs traveled to Toppenish, Wash. to participate in an important conference regarding cancer.

The conference, called A Dialog Between the Yakama Nation and the President's Cancer Panel, began July 29, and ended July 30.

Judy Charley of the Community Health Education Team, Janice Clements and Geneva Charley, from the Health and Welfare Committee, and Dorothy "Pebbles" George, cancer survivor, were invited, along with members of several other tribes, to attend and participate in this first time event.

The focus of the meeting was specific tribal cancer-related health issues, barriers to care, the relationship to Indian



The Yakama Survivor Support group testifies before the President's Cancer Panel. Left to Right, a representative of Batin family, Rhonda Billy and Catherine Samson.

Health Service, and other government services, quality of health care, outreach and education and statistical information to be shared with each other and the President's Cancer Panel.

Earlier, at a conference held in California, Joe Jay Pinkham, Yakama Nation Secretary of

the General Council, invited Dr. Harold Freeman, panel chair, to visit the Yakama Nation and hear concerns from the Native Americans' viewpoint.

The representatives of Yakama Survivor Support Group were able to express their concerns and tell of their

experiences with cancer.

One family has several members with cancer: the mother, daughter and the granddaughter have cancer.

Another panelist told of a brain tumor that had recurred, and what she is doing to receive help.

The Warm Springs repre-

sentatives also spoke of their experiences.

Dorothy George told of her second go-round with chemotherapy, the travel of 120 miles round-trip to the treatment center, the medication she takes (some of it experimental).

Most of all she stressed the change away from old habits and not going back to them.

She spoke of how she was in remission and felt she could go back to drinking alcohol but in fact was told that the alcohol could have triggered the second round of cancer.

Most speakers told of the "hurry up and wait" for ap-

pointments with specialists and family doctors.

Others told of treatment costs, the problems of Indian Health Services being short staffed, not enough money to help, and insurance problems.

All these concerns were being videotaped, and are to be shown to President Bush.

What is the President's Cancer Panel? It is a panel consisting of three members appointed by the President.

Panel members are chosen by virtue of their training, experience and background. They are exceptionally qualified to appraise the National Cancer Program.

Soliz named Woman in Business Advocate of the Year

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Marcia Soliz was recently honored and recognized at the Hilton Hotel in Portland, where she received the Oregon Women in Business Advocate of the Year award.

The Small Business Administration of Oregon recognized Soliz' hard work at helping people in the many aspects of small business.

For instance, she created business opportunities when she worked with the Workforce Development.

These opportunities include forestry contract work, the community thrift shop Dollar N' Sense, the Native American shop Traditional Treasures, and home construction and carpenter development for tribal members.

Soliz was a major force in implementing and overseeing several special projects through hands-on development and training.

These successful programs are why she was nominated by the Small Business Development Center in Warm Springs. The Dollar N' Sense shop and Traditional Treasures Indian



Marcia Soliz

Market are both set up in three phases to teach the participants about the financial aspects, sales, inventory, marketing and operating a retail shop.

These skills could be used in any small business they choose to pursue.

The thrift shop's three phases include clothing; household items and furniture while the Traditional Treasures include beadwork, sewing and other crafts.

As the director of Workforce Development, Marcia set in motion the program involving the Vocational Rehabilitation program participants.

Soliz has worked continuously for the tribes for 29 years in several areas.

She has been a manager for 20 years, including acting

Chief Operations Officer during a two-year period.

She was the director of Workforce Development the last 14 years.

She recently began work as manager of the Confederated Tribes Community Employment Liaison Services, a new tribal employment program.

Marcia grew up and lived on the Warm Springs Reservation all her life, except when attending the University of Oregon in Eugene.

While attending classes, she was also employed as a secretary-college recruiter and Upward Bound counselor in the summers.

She has served on the local Victims of Crime Board and the National Indian Justice Board.

She was the only court administrator in the country to serve with tribal judges.

She also served on the Madras High School Business Advisory Board.

Among the two successful projects, she was a big part in contracting with the Forestry Department and Home Construction for carpenter training which created a lot of oppor-

tunities for tribal members in all mentioned projects.

Soliz has two grown children and continues to live in Warm Springs. For employment information, she can be reached at 553-3298.

Huckleberry Harvest set for Aug. 23-24

The Museum at Warm Springs announces the Seventh Annual Huckleberry Harvest, "Spirit Of The Eagle" scheduled for August 23-24.

This is the museum's major fund-raiser. Tickets are tax deductible. The cost begins with \$175 per person and \$1,300 per Corporate Table for eight. There are sponsorships available. Call Dora Goudy-Smith for more information at (541) 553-3331 ext. 405. All proceeds go towards supporting the museum.

Friday evening, August 23, will begin with sampling hors d'oeuvres. The silent auction and a performance by the Gary Small Band follow. These events will be held at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino. The first half of the drawing will also be held there.

Saturday afternoon, Aug.

24, begins at the museum with educational lectures and demonstrations, Native American dancing, and a behind the scenes tour of the museum's impressive artifact collection. At 4 p.m. guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, flute music, legends by renowned storyteller Ed Edmo, stories about the Eagle, silent and oral auctions of exceptional art and a gourmet dinner, with an evening finale with the Gary Small Band. The final Huckleberry Harvest drawing will be held at the museum.

The musical entertainment includes performances by Charles Littleleaf, flutist and artist, and Native American Music Association Awards nominee for 2002. Also an awards nominee, the Gary Small Band, contemporary music, is sponsored by D. Scorpion Sales of Eugene. Both artists have been nominated for multiple awards including Best Male Artist, Best Songwriter, and Best Blues Recording.

The prizes to be drawn at the Huckleberry Harvest include: Wild Horse Resort & Casino package, Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center dinner and show, Randy Travis Concert, chocolate blueberry clusters of Euphoria Chocolate Company valued at \$25, Pineneedle Basket by Wa-Mist-Ta valued at \$75, Mt. Hood Hamlet Bed & Breakfast two-night stay, Newport Tradewinds deep sea fishing, Sternwheeler Columbia Gorge & Marine Park Champagne Brunch for 2 adults, Chinook Salmon Gift Baskets, Trinket Basket by Beulah.

The drawing tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. You do not have to be present to win.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is located at 2189 Hwy. 26, Warm Springs. For information on the Huckleberry Harvest call Dora Goudy-Smith at (541) 553-3331 ext. 405, for drawing information call Beulah or Alberta, 553-3331.

Diabetes Education classes to begin

Diabetes education classes are being offered at the Diabetes Breakfast gatherings held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

The education classes will follow a series of diabetes topics starting with "What is Diabetes?" and "Living With Diabetes." Community members are invited to attend the follow-

ing breakfast education gatherings at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Kitchen Conference Room.

August 13 at 8:30 a.m., "What is Diabetes?" and "Regular Blood and Glucose"

August 27 at 8:30 a.m., "Monitoring Blood Glucose" and "Exercise and blood Glucose"

Softball tourney begins Aug. 17

Jerry and Sandra Greene-Sampson will host a 16-team true double elimination open co-ed softball tournament in August.

The tournament is set for Aug. 17-18, at the Warm Springs Community Center ball fields. Entry fee is \$250 per team. A cashiers check or money order payable to Sandra Greene-Sampson will be accepted. The awards are: First-place, jackets; second-place, hooded sweatshirts; third,

sweatshirts; fourth, shirts; fifth, shirts. There will also be Sportsmanship and two MVP awards (one male, one female).

For more information contact tournament director Jerry Sampson 553-6619, PO Box 847, Warm Springs, 97761; or call Sandra Greene-Sampson, secretary-treasurer 553-3601 or e-mail pubutil@wstribe.org.

Sponsors accept no collect calls, and are not responsible for accidents, theft or short funded travelers.

Special dates for Early Head Start in August

August 6 and 20, Day Group 12-2 p.m.
August 13 -Policy Council at the FRC 5:30-7 p.m.
August 14 and 28, Evening Group 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
August 21-FRC Library Grand Opening.
August 30-Sept. 3 ECE is closed for staff training
For further information call 553-3438.

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