

# Fifth annual dinner honors three, supports museum

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for the Spilyay Tymoo

Last Saturday night was a special occasion for the Museum at Warm Springs, as it celebrated the Fifth Annual Honor Dinner.

Over 200 people gathered in the Downtown Portland Hilton Hotel to honor this year's Twanat Award Winner, W. Richard West Jr., the founding director of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C.

West is a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and is a Peace Chief of the Southern Cheyenne.

In presenting the award, Kah-Nee-Ta and Ventures board chairman Ken Smith cited the work West did to create the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, bringing it from a concept through to opening through diligent fundraising, planning and working with Congress.

In accepting the award West, who was introduced by Leroy Wilder, cited the 20 plus year relationship he has had with leaders from Warm Spring, referring to stories about leaders of the tribes, past and present.

Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatam and the late Warren "Rudy" Clements were honored with the lifetime achievement awards for their service and accomplishments on behalf of the tribes.

Former Gov. Victor Atiyeh presented the award for Rudy Clements, calling him a good



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At the honor dinner, Kah-Nee-Ta and Ventures board chairman Ken Smith (right) presents the Twanat Award to W. Richard West Jr. of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.

friend and a leader who worked tirelessly for the tribes and their culture.

Accepting the award for the Clements and Frank families was Rudy's widow Anna. In her acceptance remarks Anna noted Atwai Rudy's love of the people and culture of Warm Springs and his life long efforts to promote the culture and provide opportunities for the people of the reservation.

Jake Frank, age 5, performed

the "Eagle Dance", narrated by Margie Tuckta, with Carlos Calica, Cal and Kyle Queahpama playing drums for the assembled.

Tribal attorney Howie Arnett introduced Chief Nelson Wallulatam, citing his love and knowledge of the tribal constitution and laws and recognizing his work in protecting fishing fights and tribal sovereignty.

New Museum President Roberta Kirk presented the

Lifetime Achievement Award to the Chief, commenting that he has served for 48 years as Chief, and has provided leadership and played an important role in establishing the Museum at Warm Springs.

Kirk thanked the Chief for his strong and consistent leadership, calling him one of the greatest leaders in the tribes' history.

The dinner and silent auction were a fundraising event for the



Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatam is honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award.



Anna Clements (right) accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of atwai Rudy Clements.

Museum, featuring tribal art music and crafts. Fifteen sponsors contributed to the financial success of the evening and showed support for the event. Representatives of the Umatilla,

Siletz and Grand Ronde tribes were present as well as over 20 Cascade Locks leaders and citizens who attended to show their support for Warm Springs and the museum.



Jake Frank, age 5, performs the Eagle Dance at the Fifth Annual Honor Dinner hosted by the Museum at Warm Springs.

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