

Historic Campaign Update

By June Olson

Just several months ago a drive was organized to solicit funds for a headstone to mark the Joseph Shangaretta gravesite.

Over two hundred dollars has been acquired thanks to the generosity of both tribal and community contributors. However, we are still a long way from our goal.

Donna Stronach donated a bust in hopes that a raffle might help in raising more funds. Additional raffle items are needed and we will be attempting to hold this raffle at the 1993 Grand Ronde Pow-wow in August. If you would like to contribute time to the Pow-wow raffle, raffle items, or cash donation, contact June Olson at 879-2279 or Tracy Olson at 879-2254.

A special thanks to our latest contributors: Art and Dolly Anderson, Donna Stronach, and Julia Juntunen, who donated on behalf of the Benton County Museum.



Art Anderson and Mark Mercier pose with the \$100 check Mr. & Mrs. Anderson donated to the Shangaretta Burial Fund.

Mother's Day Luncheon

Nanitch Sahallie Youth Treatment Center coordinated a special luncheon in honor of our tribal elders last month. The lunch was enjoyed by 24 elders and 20 staff members. The clients had a great time making rose corsages and cards for the elders and Nanitch Sahallie women staff members. The young residents of the facility performed for the elders by drumming and singing. Bill Carrigan, Clinical Manager, gave a special thanks to Dorothy Lawe for contributing her time and talents teaching cultural arts & crafts.

Kathy Tom-Aicher, Sheila Truitt, Cathleen Ross, Jon George, and Christine dean coordinated the event with Ivonetta Cook and Tracy Hubbell. Thank you to all who attended. We're looking forward to Father's Day!

Grand Ronde Chemical Dependency Program Receives "Group Hug" From State of Oregon

By Cindy Canty

The Grand Ronde Chemical Dependency Program recently underwent their state review by Oregon Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs on April 23 and 24. Areas reviewed were, in part, management and case files, client care and quality services, and staff and program operation.

Presently on staff in Chemical Dependency are John Fraser who is a Rehabilitation and Aftercare worker, Bonnie Malek and Cindy Canty both provide a range of adult services, and Vivian DeMary, Office Manager.

John Fraser has been with Grand Ronde Chemical Dependency since June of 1990. He was at Nanitch Sahallie for a period of time before returning to Grand Ronde as the RAC provider. John is a counsellor dedicated to helping Indian Youth. He offers youth traditional patience and respect necessary to achieve a lasting affect on adolescent addicts.

Cindy Canty, outpatient and aftercare provider, will celebrate two years working for the Tribe on May 6. She previously worked at NARA Northwest before coming to Grand Ronde. Cindy is dedicated to the Chemical Dependency Program and her clients. She expresses a pride in helping people with their disease of addiction.

Vivian DeMary is a vital part of the program as well. She has been the core of communications within the busy program since her arrival as Program Secretary in August of 1991. Her position is the life blood of the program in which all things circulate. The example she sets in honoring her heritage and traditions provides a good sense of flow for the team.

Bonnie Malek came on board in November of 1992 as an outpatient counsellor and DUII Provider. Bonnie previously worked with gang youth in North Portland through Oregon Outreach. She has given a good balance to the team unit. She considers herself to be good-natured, committed, bulletproof, and serves the community with what she loves to do the best...be herself and lend a guiding hand in recovery. She has a wide range of skills to contribute to Chemical Dependency Program.

Tomoko Gersch, the Tribes' Mental health Coordinator, wears many hats. One of her responsibilities is being the Clinical Supervisor for the Chemical Dependency Program. Her clinical support includes skill and intuitive knowledge of other human needs. Her support is deeply appreciated and she is regarded as a true confidant.

Cheryle Kennedy, Branch Manager of Human Services, oversees the programs large picture and path. Steve Vincent, Regional Coordinator of State Alcohol and Drug Programs, commended Cheryle on her perseverance in the birth of GRCD, and with its ongoing growth.

The Chemical Dependency staff, in its entirety, have developed a team cohesiveness, much of which is derivative of the growing pains most young alcohol programs experience. Although Steve Vincent, in his review of the Grand Ronde Program, did point out areas which need improvement, the overall review was excellent! In his summary he gave special emphasis on staff dedication, in which he remarked the staff worked "above and beyond the call of duty".



Alcohol & Drug Staff, back: John Fraser and Vivian DeMary. Front, from left: Cindy Canty, Bonnie Malek, Tomoko Gersch, and Cheryle Kennedy.