



# SMOKE SIGNALS

"The events of today — the history of tomorrow."

## Small Business gives program report

### GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, October 5, 1997

**PROGRAM REPORT:** Small Business Development (SBD) gave its annual program update at the General meeting last month. Staff focused on the types of services SBD provides to tribal members, computer classes, and the Business Information Center (BIC).

Elaine Moore, Division Manager, described some of the tribal member entrepreneurs SBD works with and the types of business they own. These businesses cover the entire spectrum — from construction to house cleaning to arts and crafts.

"Of our Grand Ronde clientele, 37% are tribal members, 31% are community members, and the rest of the users are staff members," said Elaine.

Barbara Lake, BIC Coordinator, described who can use the departmental resources, where they are located, and the types of equipment available. There are sixty-three business reference guides and a variety of business magazines located in the Business Information Center. The Center is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Barbara also reminded everyone of the Christmas Bazaar, which is scheduled for November 14 and 15.

Perri McDaniel, Business Consultant, provided a summary of other services: classes, one-on-one business counseling, Chinook Online, and Venture Out.

Doug Hampton, Computer Specialist, identified the computer classes offered by the department, how to sign up for classes, distributed class schedules, and displayed the Tribe's Small Business World Wide Web page.

Roland Metzger, Business Consultant, spoke about the Management Training Program to be offered by SBD in 1998. Tribal members already in business are eligible to participate in the program which includes overviews in bookkeeping, personal computer skills, advertising, work flow, taxes, and legal issues.

**ELDERS' COMMITTEE:** Rob Greene, tribal attorney, reviewed the Elders' Committee Ordinance regarding the appointment of those who were nominated at the September meeting. Arlene Beck, Dorothy Lawe, Annabelle Hamm, Ivanetta Cook, Ruby Bigoni, Kathryn Harrison, and Cherie Butler were all appointed by consensus of Council. Clarice Ellison was named as an honorary member of the Elders' Committee.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

■ Nanitch Sahallie Youth Treatment Center will host the Restoration Celebration this year. Restoration Day is Saturday, November 22. The Celebration will be held that day at Grand Ronde Elementary School. Dinner at noon, with a mini pow-wow at 4 p.m., hosted by Veterans' Committee Chair, Marce Norwest. For vendors and more information on the pow-wow, contact Sharon Norwest at 879-5878.

■ The annual tribal Christmas Party is scheduled for December 13, 1997 at Grand Ronde Elementary School.

■ Spirit Mountain Casino was recently named one of the top 150 businesses in the state of Oregon, and the Casino received the Minority Business Award.

Chris Mercier, Albert Ellison, and Arlene Beck won door prize winners. They each received a framed picture. The October General Council meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

## Mug Giveaway still in effect

The Casino 2nd anniversary mugs are still available to tribal members who have not yet received one. They are being distributed at the Tribal Community Center in Grand Ronde. Enrolled members or a member of their family may pick up a mug by seeing either Jackie Whisler or Lauri Smith while supplies last. Sorry, but we are unable to mail the mugs.

## 1998 Budget mailed

A special edition of *Smoke Signals* outlining the 1998 Proposed Budget was recently mailed out to all tribal members 18 years of age and older. To be reviewed by the tribal membership is the Calendar Year 1998 budget proposal to fund operation of programs and services from January 1 to December 31, 1998.

The budget covers projected operating expenses for the Tribe and includes program services and tribal government funds and costs. The purpose of posting this budget in the *Smoke Signals* is to solicit public comment from the membership regarding these program dollars. Tribal members wishing to comment on the 1998 proposed budget are encouraged to do so through oral or written testimony.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY** may be submitted to the Tribal Council by 5:00 p.m. on December 12, 1997. All written testimony must be signed and either mailed or hand-delivered to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347, attention Jackie Whisler or Lauri Smith.

Tribal members will be given a chance to give **ORAL TESTIMONY** during the General Council meeting on Sunday, November 9, 1997. All testimony is limited to enrolled members of the Tribe who will be 18 years of age or older by November 1, 1997. Please take time to review this information and feel free to comment on the 1998 proposed budget. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Pat Mercier, Financial Officer; or Greg Archuleta, Administrative Officer at 1-800-422-0232.

## Kathryn Harrison; Chuck Galford speak to law students



**LEWIS AND CLARK LAW CONFERENCE:** Kathryn Harrison (seated) and Chuck Galford, Spirit Mountain Casino Marketing Director, spoke about Indian Law to more than 200 law students at Lewis and Clark College in Portland on October 18.

### DATE CHANGE:

November General Council Meeting

Sunday, November 9, 1997

11:30 a.m.

Meal provided

Tribal Community Center

**ORAL TESTIMONY** regarding 1998 Budget

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