

Tribal, State Leaders Meet for Government-to-Government Summit

By Chris Mercier

Old man winter was in a spiteful mood on Tuesday, December 12, but even his frosty efforts couldn't halt the 4th Annual Government-to-Government Summit at Portland State University.

The snowfall that blanketed parts of the state went unnoticed as politicians and Tribal heads convened warmly in the Smith Memorial Union for what in recent years has become a virtual rite of the season in Indian Country.

"We need the partnership of Tribal and state government," said Senator Ted Ferrioli during his speech in the panel discussion *State & Tribal Cooperative Efforts, Oregon's Future — The Legislative Perspective*.

Ferrioli was but one of many speakers of note who attended the Summit, which included Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber and reputed Indian storyteller Ed Edmo. Also at-

tending were Senators Kate Brown and Avel Gordly, and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Commission on Indian Services, LaVonne Lobert Edmo and Jay Minthorn.

Representing the Tribes were: Sue Shaffer, Chair of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians; Antone Minthorn, Chair of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla; Ed Metcalf, Chair of the Coquille Indian Tribe; Delores Pigsley, Chair of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians; Olney Patt, Jr., Chair of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; Allen Foreman, Chair of the Klamath Tribes; Wanda Williford, Chair of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua Siuslaw; Dean Adams, Acting Chair of the Burns Paiute Tribe.



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Representing the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde was Tribal Council member Butch LaBonte.

The Summit began at 9 a.m. with an Invocation and orientation. The Summit split up into smaller cluster groups afterwards, to discuss the various issues of Native Americans — Cultural Resources, Natural Resources, Education, Health and Human Services, Economic Development and Community Services, and Public Safety Regulation.

Following the cluster groups, the Summit reconvened for lunch during which Kitzhaber spoke, and was followed by speeches from the Tribal Chairs. After a break, the panel discussion started, during which a number of topics were touched upon, from

Salmon restoration to Tribal sovereignty.

"The best wisdom comes from people of the land," said Ferrioli during his speech in the panel discussion.

The Summit ended on a note of levity when Ed Edmo brought his off-beat yet traditional approach to Native story telling. A Umatilla Tribal member, Edmo weaved unforgettable regional tales of origins, among them "why there is water" and "why snakes hiss."

The Government-to-Government Summit began in 1996 in hopes of establishing a reliable foundation of communication between the State of Oregon and the nine federally recognized Tribes. It is popularly known as Executive Order No. 96-30, and does not create any right to administrative or judicial review, or any other right or benefit or responsibility for either the Tribes involved or the State.

Another Day, Another "A" for ONABEN Graduates

By Chris Mercier

Sheila Herber's Mill Creek home was the setting for another successful Oregon Native American Business and Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN) class graduation on Friday, December 8, as eight students accepted their certificates and shared new-found ambitions.

"You get all these ideas in your head," said Tribal member Frank Hostler. "You want to run with them."

Running with ideas appeared to be a common theme of the dinner party as graduates swapped business tales and entrepreneurial prospects.

Hostler and his wife Lori have already made plans for their business, a drive-through espresso stand in Salem.

Laura Ligouri and RedWolf Pope have commenced with *One Earth Communications*, a telecommunications service for Native Americans that will donate a portion of its profits to charity.

John Baker, who teaches the class with Tribal member April Campbell,

offered his formula for business success in a post-dinner speech.

"Be dependable. Always go the extra mile," he said. "And remember that tomorrow is always going to be better than today."

"If your enthusiasm is below 50 percent, don't go into business," he added.

Such would not apply to Tribal member Daniel Pinneo and his wife Tanya, both of whom have admittedly forgone social lives for the sake of their business, *World Cycle Supply*. They also have two other businesses in the works.

Mary Mize is jubilant of her brainchild, *Making Memories by Mary*, a video production company. And Diane Coleman hopes to find success in her company, *Diane's Bridal Blossoms*, specializing in event coordination and floral designs.

One could feel the anticipation of the night, best summed by Hostler.

"It's not a dog-eat-dog world out there," he said. "It's opportunity."

Housing Authority seeks members

■ Two positions open to Tribal or non-Tribal applicants.

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority has two Board Commissioners whose three-year terms expire in March 2001. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend the January Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 16 at 6 p.m. at the Housing Authority office in Grand Ronde.

The three-year terms are on a rotating basis, and several expire each March. Both Tribal members and non-Tribal people are eligible to serve on the board, and incumbents are eligible to reapply.

Interested persons should have a demonstrated interest in housing and experience such as:

- affordable housing development
- property management
- residential building construction
- housing financing
- housing planning
- other related areas

The board oversees all housing development, management, and operations for the Tribe, and is responsible for policy-making decisions. The board currently meets at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Housing office in Grand Ronde.

Interested persons should send a letter outlining their interest and qualifications to:

Linda Layden, Director
Grand Ronde Tribal
Housing Authority
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347

All letters need to be received by February 15, 2001 to be considered. For more information regarding qualifications, or to confirm the Board meeting date, contact the Authority at 503-879-2401 or toll-free at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401.



Photo by Chris Mercier

RECENT ONABEN GRADUATES. Left to right: Diane Coleman, Dan Pinneo, Tanya Pinneo, RedWolf Pope, Laura Ligouri, Frank Hostler, Business Consultant Sheila Herber, Mary Mize and Business Instructor John Baker.

Fallen, but not Forgotten: The Return of the Arizona



Photo by Brent Merrill

Tribal member J. Ken Gregg recently gave this picture that he took of the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial in Hawaii to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council. Gregg took the picture in 1965 while stationed on an aircraft carrier that was resupplying in Hawaii. Gregg stowed the film in his bag and then the luggage was lost for five years. When the bag was returned to Gregg, he found the film inside. The film was developed in 1985.

In 1991, the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, then-President George Bush requested a copy of the picture for the White House and the Memorial. Gregg said he has sold almost 200 of the signed and numbered prints for \$500 a piece. Gregg said he donates the pictures to survivors of Pearl Harbor and to various Veterans' groups.

Print number one hangs in the White House, print number two hangs in the Memorial and the Tribal Council now holds print number three.

Interested in Starting Your Own Small Business?

Need help? Oregon Native American Business and Entrepreneur Network (ONABEN) is here to help. Sign up for ONABEN's Starting a Successful Business. This class is open to Non-Native Americans as well as Native Americans. Participants also have the opportunity to talk with attorneys, licensed bookkeepers and a variety of business owners.

Classes start February 28 and are every Wednesday through May 16 at the Grand Ronde Small Business Development office. For more information or to register, contact Sheila Herber at 503-879-2492 or Barbara Lake at 503-879-2476, or toll-free at 1-800-422-0232.