

Casino Revenue Distribution 2001

The Tribal Council has passed a resolution allocating the distribution of 25 percent of the casino revenue to Tribal members through the Member Services division. Members who will be 18 years of age as of December 13, 2001 will be automatically generated a check. Those under the age of 18 will have their distribution directly placed into their Trust accounts.

- **The date of distribution will be December 13, 2000.**
- If you have moved you will need to contact our office with the correct information. We cannot distribute a check without a Social Security Number on file; this includes your minor children's trust account disbursements.
- There is NO Request Form required for this distribution; it will be automatic for all members 18 and over as of the distribution date.
- Members will be able to pick their checks up in person at the Tribal Governance Center Atrium or if notarized instructions are received by the Member Services staff, we may release your check to another person. You should have already received payment instructions. All remaining checks will be mailed out at 4:30 p.m. on December 13, 2001.
- When calling to update your information with the Tribe, please contact Valorie Sheker-Robertson, Amy Justen, Liz Leno, Margo Mercier, Sharon Grout or Holly Larsen at 1-800-442-0346 or 1-800-422-0232. **Please note:** we will only accept information changes for members 18 and over by the member only, this rule is strictly enforced.
- **Per capita payments from Casino revenues are subject to federal, and where applicable, state income taxes. Each Tribal member is responsible for any tax due as a result of this payment.**

Attention Tribal Members

Checks will be distributed December 13th this year. Those wishing to cash them at Spirit Mountain Casino read the following. In order to simplify the handling of Tribal checks, Spirit Mountain Casino has made this arrangement:

- The first four windows of the island cage will be open for Tribal members wishing to cash their checks. The island cage is located across from the front security podium. To get there, simply enter through the main entrance, take a right at the Martha Jane Sands statue, enter the smoking section and the cage will be located to your right. Though minors (those people under 21 years of age) are not normally allowed into this part of the casino, an exception will be made for Dec. 13. Cage workers will be ready to assist you in the easiest and most efficient possible way.
- In order to cash checks, Tribal members must bring valid identification. Driver's Licenses, Social Security Cards, and Tribal ID's are acceptable, but must be signed and not expired. No exceptions will be made.

Safety Hints for Member's Distribution

- Pick up your mail early on the day you know your dividend will arrive.
- Have someone trusted pick up your check for you after filling out the proper paperwork with the Tribe's Member's Benefits department.
- There will be extra security at the Tribal Offices and at the casino.

For the month of December 2001, the Social Service resource programs will be closed. Programs include: Emergency & Benevolence Assistance, Tribal Assistance, Transitional Housing, Employment and Training, and Job Retention. These programs will not reopen until January 2, 2002. All other programs will remain open.

Corrections:

- Tribal Elder Pearl Lyons was misidentified in the November 1st issue of *Smoke Signals*. The staff relied on misinformation and apologizes for this error.
- The late Minnie Reibach was misidentified as a Tribal member in the November 15th issue of *Smoke Signals*. The Editor apologizes for this error. Minnie was the wife of a Tribal member, the mother of Tribal members and the grandmother of Tribal members.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, December 2
11:30 am at the
Community Center

TRIBAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 8
Community Center

11am - Photos with Santa
(9 years and younger)
Noon - Lunch

Hatfield Townhall Meeting in Portland



Photo by Marion Mercier

Leading the Way — Former Senator Mark Hatfield, one the local political figures that helped lead the way for the Tribe in its fight to achieve recognition, visited the Grand Ronde earlier this year. Hatfield spoke to membership at a General Council meeting about his relationship and friendship with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribe. After the meeting, Hatfield pointed to Spirit Mountain as he shared memories of time spent in the area as a youth.

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

Having the security of medical insurance in these perilous times is a great blessing. I want to thank all the leaders, past and present, of the Tribe, who realized the importance of medical coverage for all Tribal members.

I do as much as possible to keep myself healthy. A diet high in fresh foods, low in fat, lots of beneficial exercise, drinking water, rest and trying to think positive thoughts. But things happen and the knowledge that I have this insurance, especially now, relieves a lot of stress.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Judith Pettibone
Roll # 717

To the Tribal Council, Executives and Board Members of SMDC and those in attendance at the General Council Meeting on Nov. 4, 2001,

I apologize! I apologize for the conduct of those whose personal agenda supercedes the good manners and common sense to address their grievances in a more effective manner. I apologize for those members who fail to recognize that so much has been done on their behalf as a member of the Grand Ronde Tribal Community. I hope for patience and wisdom as our leaders subject themselves to the abuse of those who would claim righteous indignation as some inherent ritual cause.

Daniel S. Stroebel
Roll # 1580

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Newly Appointed Elder's Committee Members



Arlene Giffen-Beck, Louise Medeiros and Ruby Bigoni

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Hatfield recounted his own visit to Israel many years ago and remembered specifically being approached by a young Palestinian boy asking for money.

"I asked him what he would do with the money," he continued. "And he told me he would buy a gun so he could go kill a Jew."

The crowd was clearly shocked by Hatfield's anecdote and he quickly pointed out that the U.S. has been "a progenitor to this kind of activity, either through the sale of arms or indifference."

Eliminating terrorists, he said, won't come close to solving the problem, simply because through the sale of weapons they will arm and further other like-minded groups.

"One of our major contributions to terrorism has been our peddling of arms," he said. "We are awash with arms."

Of the world's 193 countries, Hatfield said, 154 presently get either contracts or deliveries from the U.S. for American arms. And this practice has continued unchanged under Republican and Democratic administrations.

"U.S. Armed Forces policy was

originally established to protect national security, to arm our friends, to make alliances," he said, disgustedly. "But it's increasingly obvious we're focused on commercial and economic profit."

One solution to curbing terrorism, he proposed, would be the creation of a multinational law that states no arms can be sold to a country guilty of human rights violations, particularly against its own people. Much of U.S. arms sales, he stated, goes to countries that haven't even developed a sufficient agricultural base from which to feed their own people. The governments of such countries clearly are more focused on remaining in power.

"We've done a lot of de-civilizing in the world because we've used other countries as economic parties in which to sell our arms," he said.

Moderator Phyllis Edmundson, later fielded questions from the audience. One person asked Hatfield why it was the U.S. hasn't paid its United Nation dues?

"One reason," he replied, to laughter. "Jesse Helms."