

Attention Tribal Members:

The Tribal Council is requesting your input for the Community Meetings that will be held in 2005.

Please bring written items to be considered to the January 2005 General Council Meeting or call Dakota Whitecloud at 1-800-422-0232 ext.1309, direct at 503-879-1309 or email at dakota.whitecloud@grandronde.org.

All items received will be reviewed by the Tribal Council. The issues appearing to be most important to the General Membership will be discussed at the Community Meetings.

Thank you for your assistance.

2005 General Council Meeting Schedule

- January 9 — Grand Ronde
- February 6 — Portland, Oregon — Address To Be Announced
- March 6 — Grand Ronde
- April 3 — Eugene, Oregon — Address To Be Announced
- May 1 — Grand Ronde
- June 26 — Grand Ronde — Tribal Council — Nominations
- SUMMER BREAK
- September 11 — Grand Ronde — (Second Sunday — Labor Day)
- October 9 — Grand Ronde — (Second Sunday — Hunting)
- November 6 — Grand Ronde
- December 4 — Grand Ronde

Letters

Dearest friends,

I will be resigning my position as Education Specialist for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. My last day with the Tribe will be December 17, 2004.

I am appreciative to have been able to work in a position that allowed me to assist wonderful people, such as yourself, in your effort to go to school. This position has been extremely satisfying and a wonderful opportunity for me to meet talented, inspiring Tribal members.

I will surely miss working with you and appreciate the time I have shared with you. I sincerely wish you success in whatever you do. I hope that one day you may think about and have the opportunity to work with our Tribe as I did. Working with other Tribal members has been an experience I would not have been able to receive elsewhere.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to assist you. I will miss all of you. Good luck and best of life.

April Campbell
Roll #1260



Dear *Smoke Signals*,

On November 1, 2004, you published an article in *Smoke Signals* recommending your readers boycott Red Robin restaurants because of the cartoon publication distributed by Gerry Kingen. For the record, Mr. Kingen has not been associated with Red Robin since 1997. While we can't re-write history, recommending that your readers boycott Red Robin restaurants is unfair to the great people who work and patronize our restaurants.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Snyder
President, Chairman & CEO

Editors Note:

Smoke Signals' November 1, 2004 article did not suggest that Gerry Kingen has had a leadership role at Red Robin since 1997. However, staff writer Ron Karten's research indicated that Kingen continues to hold a substantial amount of Red Robin stock, and in that regard, it is reasonable for the newspaper to provide its readership with information to effectively fight Kingen's offensive (and losing) campaign in support of Washington's Initiative 892, and to let him know that offensive future campaigns will also be opposed vigorously here in Grand Ronde.

In a telephone conversation with Red Robin CEO Michael Snyder following publication of the article, Snyder noted that Red Robin took no public position on I-892. The company remains concerned about and committed to the communities it serves, he said. And, he added, this is not the first time that Red Robin has had to smooth feathers ruffled by Kingen's activities.

On The Cover:

The Color Of Life — Visitors from around the country made this year's Annual Grand Ronde Contest Pow-wow another successful highlight for the people of the Grand Ronde Tribe in 2004. The cover shot on this "Year in Review" edition is of Blackfeet Tribal member Stanley Whiteman. For the story and more photos turn to page 5.

Grand Ronde Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing on Friday, December 24 at noon in observance of Christmas. Offices will also be closing on Friday, December 31 at noon in observance of New Year's.

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Correction: Due to a source's error, in a caption for the "Circle of Weaving" article in the December 1 issue of *Smoke Signals*, we reported that the cedar bark basket collection belongs to Nisqually-Chehalis Tribal Elder Evelyn Penn. In fact, it belongs to Grand Ronde Tribal member Connie Graves.