

General Council briefed

Reibach makes presentation about Eugene-area cultural classes

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EUGENE — For the third time in the 2012-13 cycle, Tribal membership was briefed about economic development efforts during the May 5 General Council meeting held at the Valley River Inn.

About 60 Tribal members and staff attended the meeting, which featured Tribal Economic Development Director Titu Asghar presenting information on the Tribe's economic development efforts in executive session.

Because the briefing was held in executive session, *Smoke Signals* cannot report on details of the presentation.

However, Asghar provided a different wrinkle this time around. He introduced Paul Kaiser, chief operating officer of Hawaii-Western Management Group, to discuss the Tribe's November 2012 purchase of Redmond-based Shasta Administrative Services, a third-party health care administrator.

The Tribe is in partnership with Hawaii-Western in ownership of Shasta. The Tribe owns 51 percent and Hawaii-Western the other 49 percent.

In addition, Jan Owens, chief financial officer of Wilsonville-based SAM Medical Products, attended the meeting to discuss her company, which the Tribe became a minority owner of in 2012.

After Kaiser and Owens made their presentations, Asghar fielded four questions and comments from the Tribal membership during the 63-minute executive session.

Before going into executive session, Land and Culture Department Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach made a brief presentation,

primarily to inform Eugene-area members about renewed cultural classes being offered in the area.

The classes are being held at the Lamb Cottage meeting facility in Skinner Butte Park, 101 Cheshire Road. Tribal consultant Greg Archuleta talked about the "Lifeways" classes he offers on two Tuesdays per month and Eric Bernando talked about Chinuk Wawa classes he offers two Mondays per month.

Reibach said there is a new Web page on the Tribal Web site, www.grandronde.org, about cultural classes in the Eugene area, as well as a full-page ad in *Smoke Signals*.

"We are making a stronger effort to reach out to our communities," Reibach said of his new department, which merged Land Management and Cultural Resources. "You are very important to us and you are part of our circle of culture."

The next General Council meeting will be held 11 a.m. Sunday, June 30, at the Tribal Community Center for the purpose of accepting Tribal Council nominations.

The seats currently held by Tribal Council members Steve Bobb Sr., Chris Mercier and Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr. will be contested. Bobb announced at the meeting that he will be seeking re-election while Mercier had long ago announced that he will be leaving Tribal Council after finishing his third consecutive term to attend law school. On Monday, Giffen said he would seek re-election as well.

Lyn Leno, Elinore Anders and Kara Jenness won the \$50 door prizes and Ruby Boteilho won the \$100 door prize. In addition, a necklace donated by Tribal Council and jewelry made by Tribal Council member Jon A. George were raffled off to six other attendees. ■

Honorary degree



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison is led back to her seat by the Rev. Mark Poorman, executive vice president at the University of Portland, after she received an honorary doctorate during the university's commencement ceremony at the Earle A. & Virginia H. Chiles Center Arena in Portland on Sunday, May 5. Harrison was honored for her years of service to the Grand Ronde Tribe and to the state of Oregon. She was one of six honorary degree recipients.



Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison is helped with her mortarboard by Jordan Mattson as she gets ready for the University of Portland's commencement ceremony in the Hall of Fame room of the Earle A. & Virginia H. Chiles Center Arena in Portland on Sunday, May 5. Mattson, a student at the university, escorted Harrison around campus for the day's events.

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