

# 'One of the most important deeds'

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bill. Personally, this is recognition to me by the federal government that they had made a mistake. After recognition in 1983, the Tribe would work hard to provide services to its membership and began asserting its sovereignty for the betterment of all of our people.

"... There's no telling where we will be in decades to come, but we always must remember where we came from. We need to remember our Elders. We need to remember what they taught us. We need to remember where we are at. We need to make sure that we always remember it is always about the Tribe and the membership. And we always need to look into the faces of our kids and our grandkids and know where we are going to go to provide that guaranteed future for them."

Dignitaries in attendance included state Rep. David Gomberg, Salem Mayor Anna Peterson, Yamhill County Commissioner Allen Springer and Polk County Commissioner Jennifer Wheeler.

The Tribe's 30th anniversary of Restoration was recognized by Oregon Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, who introduced a Senate Resolution on Nov. 20, as well as by U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader, whose floor speech televised by cable channel C-SPAN was played. In addition, U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici recorded a video honoring the Tribe's 30th anniversary of Restoration.

Proclamations honoring the Tribe's 30th anniversary of Restoration were read from the city of Portland by Tribal Council Secretary Toby McClary, from the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners by Springer and from the Polk County Board of Commissioners by Wheeler.

Emily Summerhays, associate director of Strategic Projects at



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Kim Roybal dances during the plankhouse event of the Tribe's 30th Restoration Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 23.

## 30th Restoration Celebration Event Volunteers

Darlene Aaron, Miguel Adams, Francene Ambrose, Lisa Archuleta, Betty Bly, Kathy Cole, Louise Coulson, Leonette Galligher, Veronica Gaston, Jon A. George, Jacqueline Grant, Georgene Gray, Grand Ronde Canoe Family, Grand Ronde Royalty, Peachie Hamm, Jocelyn Huffman, Brandy Humphreys, Cheryle A. Kennedy, Ann Lewis, Stacia Martin, Margaret Provost, Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, Kevin Simmons, Steven Smith, Wink Soderberg, Kathy Tom and Veterans Royalty.

the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, gifted the Tribe a picture of the museum. The Tribe and museum have a 13-year-old agreement that guarantees Tribal member access to Tomanowos (The Willamette Meteorite), which has been housed in the museum since the early 20th century.

Former Tribal Chair Kathryn Harrison, who played a key role in the Tribe's Restoration efforts in the early 1980s, read a letter from former U.S. Rep. Les AuCoin, who was unable to attend.

AuCoin said that the introduction and passage of the Grand Ronde Restoration Act remains

"one of the most important deeds" he accomplished during his time in Congress.

"The Confederated Tribes went from a Trail of Tears to a Trail of Triumph ... a triumph of the human spirit," AuCoin wrote.

Former U.S. Rep. Elizabeth Furse, who aided the Grand Ronde Tribe's Restoration effort when she worked for Oregon Legal Service's Native American Program, said that many people think the Tribe's Restoration was destined to occur, but that is not true.

"Restoration happened because your members worked night and day," Furse said. "Also because a great Oregonian stood by and

helped in the most profound ways. Sen. Mark O. Hatfield knew of the agony of Termination. He had been our governor and he understood what it meant to be Restored. He helped this Tribe every inch of the way."

Furse then recognized Margaret Provost, Merle Holmes, Marvin Kimsey, and Frank, Karen and Kathryn Harrison for their work on Restoration and testifying before Congress.

"You changed Congress, you changed the United States, and I want to thank you for doing that," Furse said.

The five-hour event concluded with a seven-song performance by Reibach that included Tribal member Jolanda Catabay singing "Amazing Grace."

Reibach also gifted Tribal Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor with a necklace in appreciation for all of the work she put into organizing the 30th Restoration Celebration. Planning for the event started in March and involved approximately 40 Tribal members and Tribal staff.

There also was a showing of the Tribe's new 27-minute 30th Restoration video.

Tribal Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr. gifted a paddle necklace to George for being the emcee, thanked everyone for attending and wished them safe travels home. The colors were retired as the Grand Ronde Canoe Family drummed and sang.

During lunch, Tribal members and guests dined on a choice of three entrees – chicken breast with huckleberry sauce, baked salmon with hazelnut crust and pot roast with gravy. Side dishes included garlic mashed potatoes, fall breeze and Dundee Bandon salads, roasted butternut squash with brown sugar and butter, green bean almandine and sweet fiber rolls. Desserts included mini-huckleberry pies and petit fours served on cedar planks family style. ■

## Casino begins annual toy drive

Spirit Mountain Casino has launched its sixth annual holiday toy drive to benefit Doernbecher Children's Hospital at Oregon Health & Science University.

The three-week promotion started Nov. 25 and will run through Dec. 16. It encourages casino guests to bring in a new, unwrapped toy in exchange for free slot machine play.

Guests can drop the toys off at the Coyote Club desk in exchange for \$10 in free play (one toy per visit, maximum of \$50 in free play for five donations throughout the toy drive). Toys for infants and toddlers, pre-school and school-aged boys and girls are encouraged. To view a full wish list, visit [www.spiritmountain.com](http://www.spiritmountain.com).

"This is the sixth year of the Spirit Mountain Toy Drive for Doernbecher Children's Hospital," said casino General Manager Randy Dugger. "It is the generosity of our guests and employees that has allowed us to provide sufficient toys to meet the hospital's needs throughout the year. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with the incredible staff at Doernbecher. On behalf of the employees at Spirit Mountain Casino and the members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, we extend our prayers and blessings for the holidays." ■

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
invite you to our Salmon Celebration



Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013

Event begins at 11 a.m.  
Grand Ronde fish weir  
The ceremony concludes  
in our Community Center  
with a traditional salmon dinner.

