

Fund honored



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey speaks on behalf of the Tribe and Spirit Mountain Community Fund as the fund is inducted into Pacific University's President's Circle during the university's Celebration of Giving event held at Tualatin Country Club on Thursday, Dec. 1. Induction into the President's Circle is an honor granted to donors that have contributed \$100,000 cumulatively to the university located in Forest Grove. Lesley Hallick, Pacific University president, waits on the left to give Harvey an award. The fund's cumulative grant total to the university is currently \$105,000.

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are still going to Standing Rock."

Despite the announcement of the Army Corps' denial of a needed permit, Energy Transfer Partners' construction crews have not left the area and neither have the water protectors.

As of press time, an arctic blast has been pounding northern states including North Dakota. Schools, airports and highways have all been closed and wind gusts at Oceti Sakowin have reached as high as 60 mph. There is as much as 19 inches of snow on the ground and snow drifts have been recorded as deep as seven feet.

Western North Dakota is the coldest place in the country with a wind chill factor in the area of minus 30 degrees.

"I think it's a noble effort," said Tribal Council member Chris Mercier of Herron's and other Tribal members making the journey to North Dakota to help the cause. "It's been a long time since I've seen something like this unify Indian Country. I mean people are really behind this. People from all walks of life – it's been really inspiring for people."

Mercier said Tribal members like Herron, Sol George, Ann Lewis, Joseph Ham, Logan Kneeland, Gabby Colton, Kitty Jenness-Foster, Shayla Murphy and others make him proud that the Grand Ronde

Tribe is paying attention to issues in Indian Country.

"They are walking their talk and they are showing that they are serious about it," said Mercier. "They are actually taking action."

Tribal General Manager Dave Fullerton confirmed that the Grand Ronde Tribal Council had sent a \$2,500 donation to the Standing Rock Tribal Council and that Tribal Chief of Staff Stacia Martin has placed several calls to the Sioux council and Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault in an effort to see if the Grand Tribe could do more.

"I would say it's commendable for anyone, no matter who you are, whether you are Tribal or non-Tribal, whenever you take a stand on something like that it's commendable," said Fullerton. "You take the time and dedication to go clear back there, especially in these conditions any of those efforts are commendable. I think it's a good presence to be back there for sure. Tribes care about Tribes."

Herron said he is determined, but humbled to be in a position to help people who need it so badly.

"I do all of this with mindfulness and care because I realize that every person who has donated money to the cause, who has donated money to now two campaigns for me personally, I carry the thoughts and the prayers of all those people with me when I go," said Herron. "Water is life and water is a human right." ■

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE (TERO) COMMISSION



Accepting Applications for TERO Commission At-Large Commissioner

CLOSES: January, 13 2017

The Tribal Employment Rights Commission is a regulatory body charged with enforcement of the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance. Three (3) to five (5) Commissioners will be appointed by the Tribal Council to serve a three (3) year term.

The Commission will work with the TERO Director and take all appropriate actions to implement and enforce the TERO Ordinance and make recommendations to the Tribal Council on amendments to the Ordinance. Commissioners will be required to attend regularly scheduled monthly meetings and will be paid a stipend.

Other Responsibilities:

- Issue notices to appear and order relief or sanctions that are necessary and appropriate to enforce the TERO Ordinance.
- Certify firms as Indian Owned Businesses or Grand Ronde Owned Businesses.
- Hold public hearings on matters covered in the TERO Ordinance.
- Consult with the Tribal Attorney's Office as necessary on legal matters.
- Review program procedures, forms and policies necessary to carry out the purposes of the Ordinance.

Qualifications

Must possess a high school diploma or GED certificate; At large Commission Members with education or experience in one or more of the following areas: human resources, tribal employment rights, construction management, regulatory enforcement, auditing or investigations will be given preference.

Ability to participate in TERO Commission regular or special sessions; experience with due process and regulatory hearing processes; must be able to read and interpret Tribal ordinances rules and regulations; must be capable of conducting productive, collaborative, and orderly public meetings.

Individuals employed by Spirit Mountain Casino or the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are not eligible for appointment.

For a complete job description, please visit the Tribe's website at www.grandronde.org/employment. Applications are available by contacting Grand Ronde Human Resources, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

For more information please contact Human Resources at 503-879-2357.

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

The Tribal Court is now issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. For questions regarding scheduling, please contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■



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