



TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIANS OF ALASKA
Washington Chapter
Seattle Community Council
OCTOBER 2005

NEW VICE PRESIDENT ELECTED

Our condolences to Seattle Community Council delegate Mary Lekanof on the death of her sister Judy George. Judy was the CCTHITA First Vice President. She died of cancer August 28 at her home in Douglas surrounded by her husband, Cyril, family members and friends.

More than 500 people attended Judy's memorial in Juneau. President Thomas described her as someone known for her leadership and directness who backed up what she spoke about with action. "She understood politics. Not just Native politics, but politics in general." She was a person of faith, someone who showed compassion for people in need. She inspired and encouraged many young people.

Judy was born in 1934, the daughter of Judson and Lena Brown. As reported in the Juneau Empire, "Her Tlingit name, Duksa.aat' Tlaa, refers to her ancestry, but a second Tlingit name given her by Eddie Jack, a clan chief in Angoon, was Xin X'eex', translating to a description of a bear that emerges from hibernation in winter and leaves tracks in fresh snow, family member Chris McNeil Jr. of the Sealaska Corporation said, "She really did leave footprints for her people and for that we can be grateful."

The subject of filling the vacancy on the Executive Council was not addressed immediately. President Thomas informed the delegates, "There is a fairly strong belief that it is important to wait 40 days before addressing the business of the departed. There will most likely be a 40-day party by the family after which we will feel free to move forward on a replacement. Out of respect for Judy and her family I will not be putting this issue before the Executive Council until early October."

A vacancy on the Executive Council was officially declared by President Thomas on October 14. Per Article VIII, Section 3 of our Constitution [Upon the death, resignation or removal of a Vice President, each of the remaining Vice Presidents ranking below the departed Vice President shall be elevated one office and the Executive Council shall appoint a Sixth Vice President from among the other regular delegates to serve until the next election of executive officers.] each officer was elevated as follows: 1st Vice-President – Fred Lauth (Seattle); 2nd Vice-President – Tom Farquhar (Anchorage); 3rd Vice-President – Eli Hanlon (Yakutat); 4th Vice-President – Millie Stevens (Craig); 5th Vice-President – Liv Gray (Hoonah).

On October 18 it was announced that Michele Metz of Juneau had been chosen to serve as the new 6th Vice President by a majority vote of the Executive Council and will serve until the next election [April 2006]. In response to the congratulations she received, Michele replied, "I'll do my best to honor her and continue the dedication and example she set for us all." "I greatly appreciate the Executive Council selecting me, and am humbled by their doing so, and I promise to continue to work hard." Our very best wishes to Michele in her new role.

JOE BENNETT, JR. NEW SEATTLE INDIAN CENTER BOARD MEMBER

Joe Bennett, Jr. has been selected as the new T&H Washington Chapter Seattle Indian Center Board representative. Joe is an active delegate and officer, a retired commercial fisherman, former boat operator, postal worker, and contractor. A resident of Bainbridge Island, Joe has served on the boards of Helpline and the Bainbridge Island High School Multi-Cultural Advisory Council. He is a cultural resource person for the Suquamish Grade School presenting Tlingit cultural traditions. A US Navy veteran, Joe served in Vietnam and is a 25-year member of the American Legion. He fills a position last held by long-time delegate Carl Elliott, Sr. the Seattle Indian Center provides family, education, employment, outreach and community services to urban Natives in the Seattle area and is an important resource to our members. Congratulations Joe. We know you will do a good job for us and be an asset to the SICB.

CALENDAR 2005-2006

Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska – Washington Chapter / Seattle Community Council **regular meetings** are held the **first Thursday** of the month **September – November** and **January – May**, at **6:30PM** in the Seattle Indian Health Board's *Adeline Skultka Garcia Conference Room*, Pearl Warren Building, **606 12th Ave. S, Seattle**, (across from the Leschi Center at 12th & S. Weller). Membership is open to adult descendants and enrolled members of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

OCTOBER 2005

31 Mon. SIHB Halloween Health Fair, 1PM to 4PM Leschi Center, 611 12th Ave. S. Seattle
Costume Contests, Trick or Treats, Health Screenings, Prize Drawings for kids & adults of all ages.
Sponsored in part by the T&H Washington Chapter.

NOVEMBER

- 03 Thu. Regular Meeting, 6:30PM** Indian Health Board, Pearl Warren Building
A collection for Thanksgiving baskets will be taken and matched by the T&H Washington Chapter.
NOTE: Enter the building through the parking garage. At the door, press the intercom button, announce yourself and the elevator code enabling you to travel to the 2nd floor will be entered.
- 05 Sat. Fine Arts Auction & Salmon Dinner, Sherman Alexi MC, 6PM** Daybreak Star Cultural Ctr.
All money raised directly benefits Red Eagle Soaring Youth Theatre Program. Tickets are \$15 for one and \$25 for two. To reserve, call 206 323 1868.
- 12 Sat. Veterans Dinner, noon to 4PM** Seattle Indian Health Board, Pearl Warren Building
Veteran's please bring pictures from your service days! And your stories too. Hosted by the Western Coalition of Alaska Natives (WeCAN).
- 23 Wed. Thanksgiving Day Baskets**

DECEMBER

- 04 Sun Haida Heritage Holiday Dinner, noon** Daybreak Star Cultural Center, Seattle
Dancing begins at 1PM. Dinner provided, bring a dessert. For more information contact Karen Presley, 206 359 5856, honeybunny96@comcast.net.
- 16 Fri Christmas Pow Wow, 7PM to 10PM** Wilson-Pacific Gym, 1330 N 90th St., Seattle
Sponsored by Huchoosedah with support from the T&H Washington Chapter.
- 31 Sat. New Year's Eve Pow Wow, Wilson-Pacific Gym, 1330 N 90th St., Seattle**
Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Seattle Indian Health Board. Grand Entry 1PM & 7PM. Community dinner sponsored by the American Indian Women's Service League 5PM. All drummers/dancers welcome. Presented by the family and friends of the Broken Rope Singers. Contact Reuben Twin, Jr., 206 365 7791, or Larry Cordier, 206 755 7572, for more information.

JANUARY 2006

- 05 Thu. Regular Meeting, 6:30PM** Seattle Indian Health Board, Pearl Warren Building
The 71st General Assembly of the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) will be held in Juneau in April. Each year community councils are asked to suggest a theme, nominate a host, hostess, citizen of the year, and youth representative. Bring your suggestions and ideas to the meeting.

FEBRUARY

- 02 Thu. Regular Meeting & 2006-2008 CCTHITA Delegate Nominations 6:30PM** SIHB
Any enrolled member who is 18 years of age, whose name is listed on the "Official Voting List" of the Seattle Community Council, who is not an election official or a permanent employee of the Central Council, may run for delegate. If you are interested, plan to attend the meeting and have your name placed in nomination. If you cannot attend, you may submit a letter to be delivered at the meeting indicating your interest in serving and being nominated. Members may also run as "write-in" candidates after the close of nominations. Nominees will be asked to answer (in one short paragraph) the question, ***Why do you want to be a Seattle Community Council delegate?*** Answers will appear in the February newsletter. To enroll, or update your information, call the Tribal Program Compliance Office in Juneau at 1-800-344-1432 and ask for Grace Hill or Valerie Hillman. You may also follow the "Enroll Now" link on the CCTHITA's website, www.ccthita.org, to download the information and forms you need.

FEB. 11 Sat. Elizabeth Peratrovich Day Time and location to be announced.

CCTHITA staff will be available to make **Tribal ID cards** for enrolled members. Bring a driver's license or photo ID. For more information contact LaVerne Wise, 206 324 9360, x 1101.

MARCH

2006-2008 CCTHITA Delegate Election

Ballots for the Seattle Community Council Delegate Election are mailed to voters by the CCTHITA in Juneau. To receive a ballot, your name must appear on the "Official Voting List" of the Seattle Community Council. To enroll, or update your information, call the Tribal Program Compliance Office in Juneau, 1-800-344-1432. Ask for Grace Hill or Valerie Hillman. You may also follow the "Enroll Now" link on the Central Council's website, www.ccthita.org, to download the information and forms you need.

02 Thu. Regular Meeting 6:30PM Seattle Indian Health Board, Pearl Warren Building
Resolutions to be introduced at the General Assembly, along with other General Assembly business, will be on the agenda.

APRIL

06 Thu. Regular Meeting & Washington Chapter Election of Officers, 6:30PM SIHB

Officers to be elected for 2-year terms are: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant At Arms, Board of Trustees (6), and Auditors (3).

19-22 71st General Assembly of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Noon Wednesday to Saturday, Juneau, Alaska. On the agenda will be the election of CCTHITA President and six Vice Presidents.

MAY

04 Thu. Regular Meeting, 6:30PM Seattle Indian Health Board, Pearl Warren Building
The agenda will include General Assembly Delegate Reports and picnic planning. Last scheduled meeting until September.

JUNE

01-03 Celebration 2006, Thursday – Saturday, Juneau, Alaska

03 Sat. SpiritWalk, 8:30AM to 3PM Seattle Center Mural Amphitheater

Sponsored walk, prizes, lunch, and entertainment for all participants, 1 & 3 mile courses.

25 Sun. Annual Picnic, 12PM-4PM Location to be announced.

SEPTEMBER

07 Thu. Regular Meeting, 6:30PM Seattle Indian Health Board, Pearl Warren Building

OCTOBER

05 Thu. Regular Meeting, 6:30PM Seattle Indian Health Board, Pearl Warren Building

31 Tue. SIHB Halloween Health Fair

NOVEMBER

02 Thu. Regular Meeting, 6:30PM Seattle Indian Health Board, Pearl Warren Building

RED EAGLE SOARING NATIVE ARTS AUCTION & SALMON DINNER

Sherman Alexie will be featured as emcee/auctioneer for the Native Arts Auction, a benefit for Red Eagle Soaring American Youth Theatre Program, Saturday Nov. 5th at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center. The program opens with a NW Coast salmon dinner. Actor/comedian **Elaine Miles** will provide entertainment along with a number of Red Eagle Soaring's aspiring young actors. Dinner will be followed by a live auction of contemporary and traditional Native works donated by artists including Preston Singletary, Gail Tremblay, Joe Feddersen, Roger Fernandez, Terrance Guardipee, John Feodorov, Ben Paul and Odin Lonning, David Boxley, Rie Munoz, and Alex McCarty. Smaller pieces will be available in a silent auction that goes throughout the evening.

All proceeds go to support the Red Eagle Soaring's Youth Theatre Program serving Native American youth living in the greater Seattle area with after-school drama workshops and performances of original student plays that tour to NW tribal communities every summer. Some of our Tlingit and Haida youth have benefited greatly by participating in this program. Tickets are \$15 for a single and \$25 for a couple. For dinner reservations and entrance to the auction call **(206) 323-1863 or leave a message at (206) 617-3197**. Tickets will be available at the door. Red Eagle Soaring is a tax exempt 501(C) (3) non-profit organization.

CULTURE FAIR 2005 • DELEGATES & OFFICERS EVALUATION

In addition to participant evaluations that are being compiled now and will be reported on in February, T&H Washington Chapter officers and delegates were asked to evaluate this year's Culture Fair. Committees worked for **two-years** raising funds, planning, organizing, and delivering programs for this year's two-day event. They were asked the following questions.

1. How many Culture Fair planning committee meetings did you attend (0-5, 6-10, 10 or more); did you help on Saturday, Sunday, or both days?
2. How else did you contribute to the success of the event?
3. What were the biggest successes of this year's Culture Fair?
4. What suggestions or recommendations do you have to make the 2007 event better?
5. One of our goals was, "To have 100% delegate and officer participation." How successful do you think we were?

Fred Lauth, *Delegate, Trustee*: 1. 10 or more, both days & setup on Friday 2. Helped plan and chaired the Culture Fair Committee. Did carving demonstration and donated art for the raffle. 3. The planning I thought was so good that the whole event was relatively stress-free. 4. I think we should, and will, continue to build on the class structures. Language classes should be a year-round thing. 5. My opinion, we had good participation. Some few did not attend, but maybe circumstances did not allow.

Joe Bennett Jr., *Delegate, Vice President*: 1. 10 or more, both days & setup on Friday 2. Helped set up both places, donating to our ticket sales, honoring the veterans, coordinating the elder services, and helping as MC. 3. Keynote Speaker Jim Thomas, Grand Entrance, and Jack Strong's work with the children. 4. Thank all the young people who helped and served so they understand how much we appreciate them. And also the people who helped in the kitchen needed to be thanked. Maybe we can come up with a better way to quiet the crowd. 5. 80%.

Jan García, *Delegate, Corresponding Secretary*: 1. 10 or more, both days & setup on Friday 2. As chair of the Budget & Finance committee I worked with Randy Kimball and LaVerne Wise on the grant applications; served on the Publicity & Evaluation committee; provided program support as Corresponding Secretary; and made raffle and potluck donations. 3. I was happy to have been part of an historic occasion: the participation in song during the opening ceremony of all of the tribes represented by the Central Council. Jim Thomas gave a wonderful, funny and inspiring keynote address. The Food Committee chaired by Marian Lauth did a terrific job. All of the committees' hard work paid off in the best organized Culture Fair so far. 4. I would like us to offer workshop programs in 2006 when there is no Culture Fair and in 2007 to focus on outreach efforts to our village and regional corporations as a way of encouraging them to support us and discouraging them from scheduling conflicting events. 5. I think attendance was 90+% and participation around 80%.

Lonnie Thomas, *Delegate, Trustee*: 1. 0-5, none. Excused: I was ill and felt very badly about not being able to attend as I was very much involved in the idea of our Seattle Chapter having our own Culture Fair after visiting California's. 2. Donated a case of sockeye salmon for the raffle. 3. Giving non-participating Alaska Natives an opportunity to see how much it can mean to be involved in keeping our culture alive! 4. — 5. —

Bertha Franulovich, *Delegate*: 1. 0-5, none. Excused: I had a Huna Totem Strategic Planning session in Juneau Friday and Saturday so I planned on attending Sunday. Mechanical problems with Alaska Airlines delayed my flight and I arrived at SeaTac at 8PM. 2. I sold raffle tickets and unfortunately had to send money back as I couldn't attend on Sunday. 3.— 4.— 5. If the goal is 100% participation it would be a good idea to take a poll before setting the date. My calendar fills at beginning of year with commitments I have no chance to change once set.

Rene Tillman, *Delegate*: 1. 10 or more, both days & setup on Friday 2. Chair of the Saturday Workshops – recruited instructors and tried to involve new volunteers, made arrangements for the day, purchases of supplies, answered inquiries at home and worked some on the newsletter advertising the event. 3. I think the separation of workshops and festivities this year was an improvement and made the day better for the workshops portion. 4. The facility downstairs was too cold inside with the cool day. Much better set-up for paddle-making. 5. 75-80%.

Katherine Goad, *Delegate, Auditor*: 1. 0-5, both days 2. Helped in the beading class on Saturday and with the raffle and food service on Sunday. Donated three items to the raffle. 3 The food preparation was very good on Sunday, organized and better than before. The location is good too. 4. The downstairs on Saturday was too cold for classes and it would have been better if

Sealaska had not planned their meetings for the same time. 5. There was more help than ever before. Lowell Halverson worked really hard on managing the tables. It was very successful.

Marion Lauth, *Delegate*: 1. 10 or more, both days. No response received.

David Leask, *Delegate*: 1. 0-5, both days 2. Sold \$225 worth of raffle tickets. 3. The social day on Sunday. 4. Expand the classes in the winter and offer until the next Culture Fair. Get the raffle started earlier, maybe in April. 5. 80%.

Jan Peele, *Delegate*: 1. 10 or more, both days 2. I did the logo contest, t-shirts, vendors' tables. 3. The 1-day workshops. 4. More volunteers, especially for the workshop day. One volunteer said that if she knew it would be a full day of volunteering, she would not have volunteered. She wanted to take a class. 5. Hopefully at least 75%.

Jack Strong, *Delegate, Sgt@Arms*: 1. 6-10, both days. 2. Coordinated salmon purchase from Alaska. Picked up at air freight. Prepared 15 gallons of deer meat stew. Prepared 10 gallons of clam/shrimp chowder. Donated two Native Food Baskets for raffle and door prize. Donated one Native doll. Picked up, delivered, and returned the BBQ. Taught children song & dance. Told stories and performed with children. Participated with dance group. Helped in the kitchen. Helped cook fish. 3. I thought it all went very well. 4. Have the event at one location. 5. Not.

Ellen Hope Hays, *Delegate, Trustee*: 1. 0-5, both days. I wasn't a member of the committee, but I attended a few of their meetings. 2. I was a monitor for the beading class on Saturday and circulated among all the classes and the vendors' place of business. 3. Separate dates for the workshops; Jim Thomas' keynote address; the vendors; the use of the Pearl Warren Building; the raffle; the meal and the servers. 4. Referring to the Fair theme more; educating the enrolled members about how the Central Council was created and its purpose. 5. A few don't get it, the rest realize this is a Chapter event.

Johanna Cabuag, *Delegate, Trustee*: 1. 0-5, both days 2. Donation to the raffle and registration raffle. Set up registration. Picked up and dropped off the juice and containers at McDonald's for the Food Committee. Danced with the Cape Fox Dancers. 3. All the dancers shared songs, dances and great pride of their heritage on the second day of the Culture Fair. 4. Have the starting time for the second day of the Fair to be later in the morning. 5. 100%.

Donna Baptista, *Delegate, Auditor*: 1. 6-10, both days 2. I assisted with class registration on Saturday. Attended the Haida Language class.

Helped with Sunday registration and door prize drawings. Gave out door prize tickets for completed evaluations. 3. I believe Pearl Warren was very happy that we were using "her" building for cultural classes. Jack Strong's dancing and singing class held on Sunday was a "hit". A member's grandchildren were participants, she was so proud and pleased to see them performing. 4. There were disappointed attendees because they couldn't get into a class. Advance class registration via mail, email or phone would be a way to know which classes were not of interest and which were very popular and needed to be bigger or have more sessions added. Have Jack's dancing and singing class held in the morning of the second day. Dance groups should be allowed to eat before performing. 5. 80%.

LaVerne Wise, *Delegate, President*: 1. 10 or more, both days & setup on Friday 2. As President I served as an ex-officio member on all of the committees, I facilitated the use of the Pearl Warren Building, made raffle and potluck donations, transported supplies. I assisted in the set up and clean up of both buildings. 3. The group as a whole truly deserves a standing ovation. You were able to create an atmosphere for our tribal members to come and learn arts, crafts, and languages that they have missed growing up out of their villages. 4. I would really like to see the classroom events take place in classrooms. The use of conference rooms was satisfactory, but made more work in the set-up and clean up than anyone expected. 5. I am glad to report that 100% of our Delegates attended the Culture Fair. (The ones that were not there were excused.) It would have been nice if all delegates were there to help. I know that the burden of all the work landed on the usual workers. To those workers, I offer my gratitude. For one reason or another, there are those who did not help in planning or in any other way but expect to be re-elected as delegates when the time comes. This is unfortunate.

Joyce Alexander, *Delegate*: No response received.

Jim Price, *Delegate*: 1. 0-5, both days 2. Helped with workshops as a greeter. Made coffee and helped out where needed. 3. It all was very successful. Everybody did a wonderful job. The workshops were outstanding. Enjoyed seeing many good friends. I appreciate what those who know a lot about their culture do for our members. 4. Maybe have advance registration for the workshops. 5. 80-85%. There was good participation.

Connie Simpson, *Delegate*: 1. 0-5, Sunday 2. I donated a frog design, silver and garnet pair of

earrings, a double batch of brownies and a tin of cookies. 3. It was very well organized. Thanks to all of you who did the planning. The dinner was served to all which made the process go so much faster, and the food was hot and tasty. 4. A get-acquainted game of some kind at the beginning with a question sheet, questions like, find "someone from your home town", "someone who went to SJ in the 40's, 50's, 60's"...There are tons of good Native related questions for a game of that nature. Give a number of prizes for the most answers. 5. Since I did not attend the Saturday session, I don't know how many helped. I thought Sunday had a very good participation.

Jay Cabuag Jr., *Delegate*: 1. 0-5, both days 2. Performed with our family on Sunday, Cape Fox Dancers. 3. This is a great event for Northwest Native Americans. Sunday with all the dance groups, I think is the best. 4. Have the event, both Saturday and Sunday, at the Daybreak Star building. 5. 99.9%

George "Sam" Samuel, *Delegate, Trustee*: 1. 10 or more, both days 2. Minded my own business and tried not to bother anyone? 3. Jim Thomas, our Keynote Speaker! The fish sandwiches on Saturday. 4. I feel that we should not have a split venue! 5. Good, not excellent, but good! There are individuals who feel that they are guests? I don't know how we will overcome these shortcomings? Maybe praise the ones that do show up and participate?

Sam Hanlon Jr., *Delegate, Auditor*: No response received.

Mary Lekanof, *Delegate*: No response received.

Lowell Halverson, *Delegate*: 1. 0-5, both days 2. Managed all the tables, "the table guy" and donated some jewelry for raffle and ate lots of salmon so it wouldn't go to waste. 3. You mean besides the management of the tables? Overall management of the Fair by George Samuel, Marian Lauth, Fred Lauth, Ken Leask and logistic support by Jan Garcia and Rene Tillman. Teachers were very good. 4. Invite Tlingit and Haida leadership and publicize to Alaska villages what a great "family" event this is. Also, get an Elders or Clan Workshop on Saturday

that includes Harold Jacobs' excellent individual genealogy presentations. 5. 90%. Everyone pitched in. There was lots of camaraderie. I was amazed at the participation level.

Tom Dalton, *Delegate*: No response received.

Sue Clark, *Delegate*: 1. 0-5, both days 2. I helped with security on Saturday, some help as well on Sunday. 3. The classes on Saturday — excellent idea that worked very well. 4. If we split the days again, one on Saturday and one on Sunday, work on a plan to distribute the main meal a little better. Need some more help with security on Sunday. 5. We almost had 100% participation. I know of one delegate who was still in Alaska.

Daphne Albee, *Recording Secretary*: 1. 0-5, both days 2. Performed with the Cape Fox Dancers, made donations to the Culture Fair raffle and donated juice to Food Committee. 3. The classes on the first day of the Culture Fair were very organized. Rene Tillman did a wonderful job and showed us all how work and dedication can bring great success. 4. Having the President of Tlingit & Haida present and showing his support at the Culture Fair would have been good for the Washington/Seattle Community, also having a representative from the Enrollment department at this size of an event is important. We were able to answer questions on how to obtain forms and direct them to the CCTHITA website for more information. We did have change forms and enrollment forms onsite. 5. The attendance of the delegates and officers was very good; all were in attendance with the exception of those who were ill.

Catherine Leufkens, *Treasurer*: No response received.

Ken Leask, *Trustee*: 1. 8-10, both days. 2.— 3.— 4. I hope we can elect more delegates who will take more of an interest in the functions that are sponsored by the chapter. 5. It was OK, but I hope we can do better next time.

CULTURE FAIR WORKSHOPS

As part of the 2005 T&H Seattle Cultural Fair thirty-one (31) workshops were held on Saturday September 24, at the Pearl Warren Building. This was an experiment to see if the class activities could successfully be held on a separate day and site than the festivities part of the fair. Some of the classes such as the languages require a quiet space for the instructors to work with students. We had 205 people sign-up and attend classes. A more detailed evaluation of the two-day event which includes the festivities day held on Sunday September 25 at Daybreak Star, will be in the February issue of our newsletter.

They Will Be Missed

Marion Greer. Sister of T&H 4th Vice-President Millie Stevens who provided this information. Marion was born in Klukwan and attended school at Mt. Edgecombe. She moved to Seattle to attend nursing school and met and married Jim Greer. He was in the military and was sometimes gone in the summers. If he was gone she and her three children would pack up and go to Klawock to work in the cannery. She was very proud of her culture. Marion and Jim loved playing Bingo and card games wherever they lived. She was known and remembered for her humor and great laughter.

Lloyd Scott. Haida Raven, born in Hydaburg. His mother was Vesta Johnson and step-dad Wallace Johnson. He attended school in Chicago, Mt. Edgecombe and Sheldon Jackson. Lloyd worked as an electrician and loved fishing. He and his wife Virginia had three daughters. He loved to go to Borders Book Store and to the Pike Place Market. He looked for Alaska people to visit with in the market. In later years he could not get down to the market and missed it greatly. His wife Virginia provided this information

Agnes Stewart. Was originally from the Petersburg area. She was President and served as a Past-President of Camp 36 of the Alaska Native Sisterhood. Agnes was known for hard work and service for the ANS. She has two surviving daughters Kathleen Whitehead and Peggy Stewart. She lived in the West Seattle area.

Legia Williams Nefzger. Was born in Juneau and started school in Sitka. She continued at the BIA school in Juneau. Legia attended Wrangell Institute where she graduated as valedictorian of her class. She was baptized in St. Michael Russian Church in Sitka and attended the Salvation Army whenever she could. Legia worked in the Taku and Tyee canneries in order to finish high school. She registered and was accepted in the US Nurse Corps and received her training at Providence Hospital in Seattle. She worked as a scrub nurse and later as a private nurse assisting seniors in their homes. She was married in Seattle around 1947 and has three children all who reside in the Seattle area. In her private life she enjoyed fishing in the Seattle area lakes, quilting, sewing toys for her grandchildren and crocheting. She learned to weave in red cedar bark. Legia loved to travel to Alaska to visit her Hoonah relatives. In later years she was recognized and honored by the Klallam Tribal Seniors and natives from the Neah Bay Reservation. Marie Olson of Juneau, Legia's sister, provided this information.

Haida Laas Dance Group–Mabel Frank Norris

In August, 2005 Haida Laas was invited to participate in the seven totem pole raising held in Klawock. Through several fundraisers the group raised enough money to send those dancers who could attend. The week was a great community event. The poles which were carved by Jonathan O. Rowan included Long-eared Monster, Adventures of Raven, Eagle Wolf Raven, Giant Clam, Frog, First Killer Whale and an Eagle Killer Whale totem Pole.

Each morning there was a blessing of a totem pole and then it was carried by visitors and local people to the totem park. Some of the speakers representing clans included Clarence Jackson, Oliver Rowen, Roy Williams, James Roberts and Marge Byrd. On Tuesday, Seattle carver Robert Peele, donated a canoe to Klawock which was dedicated on the same day. The gift was very appreciated by Klawock people and they held a dinner and give-away in his honor.

Other dance groups who participated in the Grand Entrance and during the week included Tagish Dancers of the White Horse Yukon Territory, Nisga Dancers from British Columbia, Juneau Tlingit Dancers, Shxat' Kwan from Wrangell, Ketchikan Intertribal and Goa Erem Gi from Ketchikan, Haida Descendants Dancers from Ketchikan, Cape Fox Dancers from Ketchikan, Hydaburg Haida Nation, Craig Island Dancers and Klawock Heenya Kwan. All the groups were impressive and participated on Thursday, Friday and Saturday including the Grand Exit. Many children participated.

The veteran's color guard from Metlakatla honored all service branches. Food was prepared and served by Klawock, Craig, Hydaburg and the ANS/ANB. Each group took turns feeding the visitors and guests. It was a wonderful community event supported by people from all the communities.

This is the first time I returned home in 46 years and discovered that Hydaburg has grown up with new homes and modern conveniences like washers, dryers, microwaves, direct TV and good medical help. I saw many family and younger generation whom I didn't know. On drives we saw bear and fish going up the river. It was sad to see the week come to an end but my grandchildren and I have many good memories from our time spent on Prince of Wales Island.

Newsletter Articles & Volunteers

If you have an article for the newsletter, a comment on something you read, or would like to volunteer for the Newsletter Committee, please contact: Ellen Hope Hays 206 842 2658; Rene Tillman 206 546 3834, kuiueagle@aol.com; or Jan Garcia 425 869 8586, jang@saranjan.

Haida Heritage Performs at NIEA

The Haida Heritage Dance Group was invited to participate in the National Indian Education Association's Conference in Denver, Colorado October 6-9, 2005. The group did four performances including opening the first night's banquet with a song and closing the conference with an hour dance performance. Members also visited behind the scenes at the Denver Art Museum. President Terry Peele accepted the eagle-feather staff from the organization to be brought to next year's conference in Anchorage. Haida Heritage presented outgoing President David Beaulieu with a drum. Other dance members who went were Andrea Peele, Bruce Cook III, his daughter Victoria Cook, Jeanne Jimenez, Karen and Nate Presely and their 3 children, Amanda and James Morrison and their 2 children. The audience was very receptive and despite being snowed in at the airport overnight, a great time was had by all. The group had several fundraisers to cover the costs of the trip.

Financial Empowerment Training

- Do you have a budget?
- Do you pay yourself first?
- Are you planning for retirement?
- Have you invested in asset building?
- Are you diversifying your portfolio?
- Are you making your money work for you?
- Are you planning for your child's college education?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, please mark your calendar and plan on attending **Financial Empowerment Training** sponsored by the Potlatch Fund on **November 11, 2005** from **8:00-4:30PM**, 801 2nd Ave. Suite 304, Seattle, 98104. RSVP: Justin Finkbonner (206) 624-6076 or justin@potlatchfund.org.

Washington Chapter on the Web

Seattle Community Council / Washington Chapter information can be found on the Central Council website, www.ccthita.org. From the home page, click "T&H Community Pages",

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then click the link to the "Seattle" page.

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2004-2005 Officer/Delegate Attendance

At the October 2, 2003 regular meeting, a motion that *all officer and delegate attendance records be published in T&H Washington Chapter newsletter* was adopted.

P = Present: member was present for roll call.

L = Late: member missed roll call, arrived later

E = Excused: member was absent, but contacted the President prior to the meeting.

A = Absent – member was absent and did not contact the President.

Name	Present	Late	Excused	Absent
Joe Bennett, Jr.	11	0	0	0
Sue Clark	11	0	0	0
Ellen Hope Hays	11	0	0	0
George Samuel	11	0	0	0
Johanna Cabuag	10	0	1	0
Jan García	10	0	1	0
Ken Leask	10	0	1	0
Rene Tillman	10	0	1	0
LaVerne Wise	10	0	1	0
Jay Cabuag	9	1	1	0
Fred Lauth	9	1	1	0
Marion Lauth	9	1	1	0
Daphyne Albee	8	1	2	0
Jack Strong	7	1	3	0
Jan Peele	7	1	2	1
Katherine Goade	7	0	3	1
Lowell Halverson	6	0	4	1
Lonnie Thomas	6	0	3	2
Jim Price	6	0	2	3
Donna Baptista	5	4	2	0
Mary Lekanof	5	0	2	4
Joyce Alexander	4	4	1	2
Bertha Franulovich	3	0	7	1
Catherine Leufkens	0	3	7	1
Sam Hanlon, Jr.	2	0	3	6
David Leask	1	0	4	6
Tom Dalton	1	0	1	9
Connie Simpson	0	0	4	7

UIAT Youth Home Donations Needed

The United Indians of All Tribes Youth Home is seeking monetary donations to help the 35 youth residing there celebrate Christmas. Many of the young people, 14-21 years old, reside in the home because of abuse, neglect, and legal problems. Here they are offered schooling, employment assistance and life skills training. Donations will be used to purchase personal items and at least one gift on their Christmas wish list. For more information contact Cheryl Dodson at 206 571 1069.