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Ahnee (Hello)!

Welcome to this week's "Chairman's Email Blast"! From the initial email last week, there has been a favorable response with some suggestions to improve the layout. Megwetch (thank you) for the feedback and I hope that this week's email blast shows those improvements. We have decided to make this an attachment, to your email, as the layout changed significantly when emailed out. I feel presentation is important and it is my intent to make these email blasts not only informative but easy to read. I personally thank Mike Buchanan (IT Director) and Dora Willis for their assistance in this process – Megwetch!

From the pictures below, they illustrate my commitment to outreach and networking within not only northern Michigan, but also at the state and national level. Next week, I will be attending, along with Tribal Councilor Treasurer Rebecca Woods, the 2009 Annual Tribal Self-Governance conference (for more information, please click on this link: <http://www.tribalselfgov.org/>). In next week's email, I will be sharing on the information that we gather from that conference.

To further increase communication with tribal membership, families, and communities, I have developed both a Twitter and Facebook account. With my Twitter account, I am providing daily updates in which you can follow just by reading my posted updates. To follow though, you will have to create a Twitter account (which is very easy to do) and can be found at www.twitter.com. Once your account is created, my account can be found by searching @GTBChairman.

With Facebook (www.facebook.com), an account is also necessary and easy to establish. To establish a facebook account click here: [Sign up for Facebook](#). If you would like assistance, please contact me at (231) 534-7103 to assist in setting up your twitter and/or facebook accounts. Again, below are pictures from this past week's meetings and events:



Friday, May 8th, I attended a fundraiser for Child and Family Services – the Festival of Tables. Pictured above is Jim Scherrer, CEO of Child and Family Services. I was invited as a guest with no cost to the Tribe.



Also attending the Festival of Tables was Traverse City Mayor, Michael Estes (who is holding my son, Maengun).



May 9th – “We Are ER!” A fundraiser for the Elk Rapids Public Schools. Pictured from (L-R) are: Mike Pelofske, myself, Percy Anderson, Veronica Wonegeshik, David Wonegeshik, Theresa Shananaquet, Gerald Anderson; and (standing) Allen John, Joyce Wilson. The Grand Traverse Band was recognized and also presented a framed autographed picture of the 2008-09 Elk Rapids Varsity football team. This picture will be viewable in the tribal administration building. Again, I was invited as a guest with no cost to the Tribe.



On May 13th, I met with representatives of the Father Fred Foundation. Pictured (L-R) are Fr. Iakovos Olechnowicz, Martie Manty, and Jamie Marsh).



On May 13th, I met with Grand Traverse County Commissioner Larry Inman (pictured above) and County Administrator Dennis Aloia.



I attended a “Meet Your Elected Officials” – continental breakfast. This event was held at the Leelanau Conservation District office. The individual to my right (holding the cup) is Buzz Long, who is the Conservation District Executive Director.

Local elected officials and citizens gathered for shared greetings, networking, and discussion. Representatives from Congressman Dave Camp and Senator Carl Levin’s offices were also present.



Vice Chair David Arroyo and I met with Tino Breithaupt and John Hoagland regarding the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce on May 15th. Mr. Breithaupt is the Senior Vice President of Economic Development for the Chamber. Discussion focused on vision for economic development in our region with an understanding of projects currently in existence and planning for future development.

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This past week also included work sessions and a primary focus on our current fiscal year's budget. Similar to the federal, state and local governmental budgets, our Tribal Council members are diligently tracking our gaming revenue and governmental spending. I encourage Tribal Members to attend council meetings in which the Tribal Council seeks membership input. At the Tribal Council Regular Session held next week on May 20th, membership has the first (of four) opportunities to bring forth their thoughts/concerns for the 2010 budget. Also attending the Council meeting, will be the Leelanau County League of Women voters who are attending to observe our political process.

I encourage everyone to attend the 2nd Annual Leelanau Cherry Blossom Tour on May 16th. This event is sponsored by the Leelanau Enterprise, Leelanau Conservancy, Leelanau Conservation District, and hosted by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. The event begins at 9:30 AM, with buses leaving from 10 AM to 2 PM. The event and tour begins at the Eagles Ridge Conference Center in Peshawbestown. In this week's Leelanau Enterprise (www.leelanaunews.com), on page 13 is a beautiful full-page color ad regarding this event.

For thrill seekers, on May 16th at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, the "Over the Edge" event is taking place to benefit Michigan Community Blood Centers. For more information please click on the following link: (http://www.miblood.org/news_events/edge/edge2009_traverse_city.html).

Also, on May 16th, the Life Long Learning department of the Tribe, is having their annual Education Banquet. This event is taking place at the Turtle Creek Casino and Hotel and begins at 11:30 AM.

On May 22nd, governmental offices will be closed due to the annual In-Service day for staff. Also, Tribal governmental offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th for observance of Memorial Day.

Megwetch for your continued interest and I hope you have a great week!

Chairman Bailey

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