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Ahnee (Hello)!

It has been quite the busy week beginning with a great fundraiser event last Friday night at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. On Saturday, it was a prideful day as we recognized all of our tribal graduates. The two keynote speakers really stressed the importance of education and striving for your goals. It was also great to see the family and community support extended towards each of the graduates.

From Monday through Thursday, Treasurer Rebecca Woods, Donna Swallows (Self Governance Coordinator) and I attended the annual Tribal Self Governance Conference. This conference provided participants with an understanding of current happenings with both the Department of Interior – Indian Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Services - Indian Health Services. More information can be found at: <http://www.tribalselfgov.org/>. Several sessions and significant discussion were updates on P.L. 111-5 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (The Recovery Act).

Today, May 22nd, the Governmental Employees In-Service day was held at the Turtle Creek Casino and Hotel. This is a mandatory meeting that incorporated two required trainings: harassment in the workplace and blood borne pathogens. Our Tribal Manager made this an entertaining time as well videos, drawings for prizes, and different competitions. Years of service were recognized and we had one employee, Gerald Anderson, who was recognized for 25 years of employment.



WKLT, The Rock Station (97.5 and 98.9) attending “Over the Edge” the fundraiser for Michigan Community Blood Centers held on 05/15-16/09 at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. Pictured (L-R): Finster, Terri Ray, Union Kate and Nascar Steve.



Leelanau Blossom Tour (0516/09). Standing with Sally Guzowski; Leelanau Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Lee Bowen; Leelanau County Road Commission



Picture with Jessica Burger, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Health Director and National Indian Health Board Member-at-Large



Ron Allen; Chairman and CEO Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe and National Congress of American Indians, Executive Council Secretary. Chairman Allen was attending the annual Tribal Self-Governance conference.



Jane Rohl, Tribal Manager, presents this morning at the GTB governmental employees in-service training. The meeting took place at the Turtle Creek Casino and Hotel.

Below are some of the employees that the Tribe is so proud of! GTB sincerely appreciates the dedication and commitment our employees bring to not only the membership and families but to the region as well.



In each email blast I will be providing this link to obtain prior “blasts”: <http://www.gtbindians.org/charman/>

With the upcoming Memorial Weekend, I ask that you practice safety in having fun. Our Tribal Government offices will be closed on May 25th in observance of the Memorial holiday. Also, the grand opening of our new Museum and Cultural Center is May 30th at 1 PM (there is a 6 AM sunrise ceremony). Have a great weekend and week!

Chairman Bailey

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