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Ahnee (Hello)!

Sorry, I couldn't resist sending out an email blast this week! This will be a shorter one but I thought the pictures this week reflect the Holiday Spirit and Mood...enjoy!



12.22.09 GTB Government Employee Appreciation Luncheon; sponsored by the Tribal Council. Great food and turnout! In the above pictures, Treasurer Rebecca Woods and Secretary Sandra Witherspoon lead a game of "Holiday Pictionary" with staff. I believe that Tribal member, and tribal attorney, Tanya Wanageshik answered the most correctly...or was it Dora?...



12.22.09 The first picture (L-R): Carrie Leureaux, Phyllis Wanageshik (the QUEEN of Peshawbestown), Gail Manzano, GTB Tribal Judge Holly Thompson, Donna Swallows and Dora Willis (seated at front table).

Part of the Luncheon was a Dessert Contest. Judging the first-ever dessert contest were Executive Chef George Weir and Andres Raphael, both of Turtle Creek. Megwetch (thank you) to both of our judges. Patty Schmidt, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians tribal member, won 1st place and earned 4 hours of extra GPT time off – congratulations Patti!



12.22.09 Being held at GTB's Traverse City 3-Mile Office, was this year's Elders Christmas Party. This year's party was extremely well-attended with GTB elders and friends from all of the Tribe's six-county service area. Megwetch to the staff who helped with this year's event!



12.23.09 This morning, on behalf of the GTB Tribal Council, tribal membership and families, and employees I offered a Holiday Greeting on the “Mary in the Morning” radio show on 106.7 YOU-FM (<http://1067youfm.com/pages/671887.php>). I want to thank Mary and Heather for the opportunity to share GTB’s Holiday greeting to the Mary in the Morning listening audience and Northern Michigan! I am pictured above with radio host, Mary Keyes Rogers.

Again, I hope everyone has a Happy and Safe Holiday Season -Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Chairman Bailey



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