

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

SF Tlingit & Haida Community Council

PLEASE PUT THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 18 – ANNUAL PICNIC OAKLAND ZOO 11 am - 5 p.m. Bring POTLUCK FOOD TO SHARE.

AUGUST 20 – POOL PARTY & POTLUCK LUNCH – Loy Arandela's house 383 Grove Ct., Vacaville, Ca. NOON.

SEPTEMBER 10 & 11 – Seattle Tlingit & Haida Culture Event in Seattle.

OCTOBER 22 – OPEN GENERAL MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Details to follow.

DECEMBER 3 – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY – Scott Fulton's house in Daly City. Details to follow.

ANNUAL PICNIC AT OAKLAND ZOO ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18

We will be setting up at 10:30 and festivities are from 11 am to 5 p.m. Please bring POTLUCK FOOD TO SHARE. Tlingit & Haida Council supplies the paper plates, utensils, hamburgers and hotdogs with the fixings. For all of you who come early, there will be BBQ salmon as an appetizer and we will have some herring eggs also. We are hoping to have a round table introduction of everyone so we can get acquainted and find our family ties. Please bring your spouses, children and significant others to join in the fun. We need prize donations for our College Fund Raising raffle which will be drawn at 3 p.m. If you have folding chairs, bring them. We could also use a folding table. Call Kathy at 415 887 9315.

The "Camel Creek" picnic area is below the Zoo in the grassy meadow, first left IMMEDIATELY AFTER you pay for parking. Do not go up the hill. Ask attendant for the Tlingit & Haida group and look for our red button blanket banner. You get a discount on zoo tickets if you say that you are part of the Tlingit & Haida group. There is a charge for parking. There are directions off Highway 580 in Oakland on the Website: www.oaklandzoo.org

DELEGATES' REPORTS FROM THE APRIL 2011 TRIBAL ASSEMBLY

Editor's note: We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Dr. Walter Soboleff. He was the keynote speaker at our Tribal Assembly, and some of the delegates' reports were written before his death.

TRIBAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JUNEAU by Kathy Paddock

Your elected delegates, Will Micklin, Kathy Paddock, Jackie Clark and Laurie Kozisek attended the Tlingit & Haida General Assembly in Juneau in April 2011. The Assembly is an annual event where Tribal Business is planned for the year and the prior year is reviewed. Lisa Willard-Zaldivar, one of our Board Members, was appointed to replace Scott Fulton as a delegate because of a last minute injury. We were very disappointed at his loss as delegate because his enthusiasm is wonderful. He was very sad. Lisa did a wonderful job as a replacement for Scott. Lisa was able to see her father in Juneau for the first time in 16 years. She was wide eyed at the pomp and ceremony that the General Assembly carries. Lisa became familiar with our Tribal history based on the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood formal contribution, namely the Roberts Rules of Order.

This year the emphasis was on our budgetary constraints due to reductions in Federal Funding for our various Tribal Services. Our Tribal Trust Fund suffered tremendous reduction due to the stock market downturns in previous years. Tlingit and Haida Central Council in Juneau is only able to assist tribal members in their service area of Southeast Alaska.

The Tribal Court, an important part of our Tribal Government, is working largely unfunded, on behalf of our families and our children. We elected delegates Aurora Lehr, an attorney, and Charlene Wolf to fill the two judge positions open. The Tribal Court is working with the State of Alaska to secure back child support for our minor children and placement of our

dependent children. WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR FOSTER CARE PARENTS in Alaska as well as here in California. A new agreement was established with the State of Washington to cooperate in the care of our tribal member children. We now have a working agreement in place between President Thomas and our Tribal Court in support of their needs.

If you are interested in becoming a San Francisco Community Council Board Member or want to run for a Delegate position, you must attend our local Board Meetings. The next meeting will be held on October 22, 2011, location to be announced in the next newsletter. The Board and Delegate positions will be up for election in February, 2012 and you must express written interest in running at our meetings or events.

THE 76th ANNUAL TLINGIT & HAIDA TRIBAL ASSEMBLY by Jackie Clark

A welcome dinner is held the first evening of the General Assembly, it is a time to meet and greet old and new friends. Each year we have speakers that are so impressive and this year we were so honored to have two such people, Dr. Walter Soboleff and Dr. Rosita Worl. Dr. Soboleff was the keynote speaker at the dinner, he spoke on the transition for the Alaska Natives, from a trade economy when we traded fish for blankets, to a cash economy. He reminded us, just how important it is to have values, and that we should first value our self.

Dr. Soboleff who is 102 years old was born in Killisnoo, AK on Nov. 14th, 1908, to a Tlingit mother and a Russian/German decent father. In 1933 he accepted a full scholarship from the University of Dubuque, Iowa. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education (1937) and a degree in Divinity Studies (1940) and in 1952 he received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the University of Dubuque. Dr. Soboleff was the first Alaska Native ordained minister to assume the pulpit at the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Juneau in 1940 where he stayed for 22 years. After his church was closed he became the minister at large and went by a converted fishing vessel to many small villages in southeastern AK. For eight years he continued preaching to many Alaska Natives sometimes stopping at Coast Guard light houses and logging camps. Dr. Soboleff is a past ANB Grand President (four times) and in 1999 was named, ANB Grand President Emeritus, a lifetime honor. He was on the Sealaska Corp. and Sealaska Heritage Institute Board of Directors, and Chairman of the Alaska State Board of Education, just to name a few of things he has done and is still doing. Today he tutors Tlingit, and still serves as a trustee chairman of the Sealaska Heritage Institute and encourages us to keep our language and culture.

Dr. Rosita Worl was the recipient of the CCTHITA President Lifetime Award. That evening President Thomas declared April 14th, 2011 as Rosita Worl Day. Rosita is Tlingit, Eagle moiety from Klukwan, AK. She was raised by her grandmother and mother who taught her the Native traditions. Rosita was just ten when she got her first job, taking the union minutes for her mother, Bessie Quinto, who organized salmon cannery workers throughout southeastern AK. Rosita was a member of the ANS at a young age following the lead of her mother. Dr Worl holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Alaska Methodist University, a Master of Science and a PH.D. in Anthropology from Harvard University. She works to preserve the language and culture of our Native people. Rosita has served on the Sealaska Corp. Board of Directors, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, served as the Special Staff Assistant for the Native Affairs to the Governor of AK, and a professor of anthropology at the University of AK Southeast to name a few. Today she is the President of the Sealaska Heritage Institute and is the Chair of the National Native American Graves Protection Act Review Committee, and serves on the ANB Subsistence committee.

The evening ended with the All Nations Children Dance Group. They sang, danced and drummed Tlingit songs which made us all proud and happy, they are keeping our culture and language alive.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A DELEGATE by Lisa M. Willard-Zaldivar

When I received the call from our Tlingit & Haida President Kathryn Paddock about being a Delegate for our San Francisco Community, I was honored and excited and of course I said "YES!" Not only was I going to Juneau, AK to represent our Community, but I was going back home after 16 years. My father, Rick K. Willard Jr., was also very excited and happy that his daughter was coming home.

On the first day of the Tribal Assembly, I can tell you that I was very excited and nervous all at the same time. I sat there for hours listening to all the other delegates as they voiced their concerns and opinions. I learned a lot about our Tribal laws, government, policies etc. On the first day, there was also a Welcome dinner for all of the delegates. I got to experience Tlingit & Haida Culture up close from the food to the music and dances.

I'm much honored to have served as a Delegate for our San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community. I would like to thank all of my fellow Board Members for having faith in me and giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve as a delegate, Thank You!

DELEGATE'S REPORT by Laurie McVicar Kozisek

It was an honor for me to again represent you all at the Tlingit and Haida Tribal Assembly. The official theme was "Honoring our Tribal Sovereignty through Unity and Advocacy" but the unofficial theme, for me, was "We are here thanks to the hard work of those who came before us, and those who have supported us on this journey". This thought was echoed by Will Micklin, a member of SFTHCC and the T&H Central Council First Vice President, in his acceptance speech when he received the Citizen of the Year Award. He humbly accepted the award on behalf of his family, the T&H Board, and the other notable citizens who were nominated for the award.

The talk by Dr. Walter Soboleff, the keynote speaker, was an amazing eye-witness account of what it was like during the formative years of Tlingit & Haida Central Council, Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood, and Alaska Statehood. Afterwards I came up to shake his hand and tell him how much I appreciated his work. He not only knew relatives from my grandparents' generation, he knew relatives from their grandparents' generation – people living in the 1800s. I wish I could have had more time to speak with him. On the last day of the Assembly, we had a memorial service to honor the hundreds of Tlingits and Haidas who passed away in the past year, each one remembered by name. It is sad to think how much of their history and wisdom is lost forever. This sort of thing is not passed on quickly, but slowly, over years of talking together. If you have not had a chance to speak with your elders, there is no time like the present to start!

40th ANNUAL STANFORD POW WOW May 7 and 8 by Kathy Paddock

What a wonderful experience it was to see all of you at this year's Stanford Pow Wow last month. We had 3 canopy tents this year with a front row seat to the dance circle. Several of us had our Regalia and were able to dance in the Grand Entrance with the other dancers each day. The announcers were good about introducing us at the Pow Wow because many have never seen the Regalia of the Northwest Coast Indians.

We had a good number of people stop by to visit and share food with us each day. Roberta Martorella, our membership person was happily updating our address list and adding new people to it, and we may have found a source for getting fish eggs for those who want it. I do so enjoy a marathon of visiting with all of you.

San Francisco Community Council EMERGENCY FUND

Our local Tlingit & Haida Community Council has a small Emergency Fund for financial relief for those of you in need. You must be a registered Tribal Tlingit & Haida Member with a San Francisco Community Council address selection. The money must be used for rent, medical assistance, food, burial assistance and utilities. LIMITATIONS: We have a limit of \$1,000 per calendar year for all members combined and the Grant is limited to \$500 per family. We have already given out \$500 this year so the balance is limited. The Fund is for immediate emergencies and further assistance should be applied for through County, State or Federal government or outside Organizations.

For information please contact Loy Arandela, Vice President, email loyarandelajr@sbcglobal.net or call 707 330 1725. He will tell you what is required and mail you an application.

INTERNET CONNECTIONS

OUR WEBSITE. See photos of activities, information on upcoming events, scholarship information, job opportunities, and much more on our website, www.sfthcc.org

WE ARE NOW ACTIVE ON FACE BOOK. Please “like” our page, so that you can be notified of upcoming events. Just do a search for “Tlingit” or “Haida” to find us, and several other interesting Tlingit and Haida communities. Or go directly to our page at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Francisco-Tlingit-Haida-Community-Council/189584047735814> .

U PENN MUSEUM DIGITAL ARCHIVES. The University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology recently opened the Louis Shotridge Digital Archive of Tlingit Art, Culture, and Heritage. This is a fascinating collection of photos of people, photos of regalia, geneologies, and notes about collected objects. You can view the archives at: penn.museum/collections/shotridge/index.html .

ROBY LITTLEFIELD. If you want Tlingit news and culture in your email inbox on a regular basis, contact Roby Littlefield at robylittlefield@gci.net and ask to be put on her mailing list. She can also be “friended” on Facebook. If you know of a Haida resource like this, let SFTHCC know, and we will list it in the next newsletter, Howaa!.

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH AND HELP US FIND OTHERS

MAILING ADDRESS CORRECTIONS and MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS can be SENT TO: Roberta Martorella, 3468 Stoney Pt. Rd. Santa Rosa, Ca. 95407 or call 707 584 4093 or email robertam@cds1.net. Roberta can also send you Tribal Membership applications if you or your children are not registered with the Tlingit & Haida Tribe in Juneau, Alaska. Besides being on our mailing list, you will get information about our gatherings and Culture Events. One major advantage of registering your whole family is that there are thousands of College Scholarships available to you through many organizations if you are a Tribal Member. If you are low income, there are Native American clinics around California where you can apply for medical care.

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