

September 2008



San Francisco Community Council

Newsletter

performing artist for songs and dances and a Haida storyteller, well versed in our culture. T & H Central Council has donated gifts for our RAFFLE with the Grand Prize being a FREE TICKET FOR ALASKA AIRLINES. YOUR DONATIONS OF ALASKAN ART AND GIFTS are needed for the SILENT AUCTION as well.

ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE CELEBRATION

Sponsored by San Francisco Tlingit and Haida Council

Our Semi-Annual Culture Event is on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 at the First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison St., Oakland, and Ca. 94612. San Francisco Tlingit and Haida is hosting the Tsimpshian Haayuuk Dancers, all 32 of them, from Seattle. This thrilling, dramatic dance group performs in full dress regalia with hand carved masks, stage props, drum rhythms and songs that bring the house down. Tsimpshian Haayuuk has danced professionally in Washington and Alaska and will also dance Friday night at the San Francisco De Young Museum. (See details under De Young Museum website) They will demonstrate carving, basket making, weaving, and beading throughout the day and have handmade Northwest Art items for sale. They plan to bring some Native Food to share at our Potluck Luncheon.

The Tsimpshian's will do a crash course on dance instruction for us so that we might learn properly. Our own Conor Acomb will also be teaching. Some T & H members completed new button blankets and Tsimpshian Haayuuk will do a "Blanket Dance" to introduce the blankets to the crowd. Be prepared to dance your new blanket at this ceremony...no shyness allowed.

There is a Children's Cultural Learning Center for our little ones, Silent Art Auction, Cultural Film Clips, Music, and perhaps a Tlingit

The Congregational Church fellowship hall, with its antique redwood beams, feels like a longhouse with a cozy atmosphere. There is plenty of free off street parking, located just a few blocks off the MacArthur 580 freeway, Harrison Street exit.

The schedule begins with SET UP CREW at 9:30 a.m.; REGISTRATION TABLE at 10 a.m., dance instruction, silent auction, raffle, artist booths, FIND YOUR FAMILY INTRODUCTIONS, POTLUCK LUNCH then the program begins. Please bring your favorite food dish to share for the Potluck Lunch. The kitchen has only reheating facilities.

PLEASE...WE NEED ALL OF YOU TO STAY FOR CLEAN UP AT 5:30 P.M.

COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE DEADLINE JUNE 1, 2009

Each year the San Francisco Scholarship Committee accepts new and returning applicants. Completed applications must be received by June 1 for the 2009 school year. You must be a Tribal Member of the Tlingit and Haida Central Council in Juneau, Alaska and then REGISTERED to the SAN FRANCISCO Community Council to qualify. To request an application, please contact our new Scholarship Chairperson, Margaret Wolley, 1127 Via Cristobal St., Livermore, Ca. 94550, phone 925 371 1968 or email Kaposia2000@yahoo.com.

OTHER SITES OFFERING TRIBAL MEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS: www.aigc.com; College Student Assistance Program at www.Fastweb.com; www.fafsa.ed.gov; www.ccthita.org and click on services; www.Sealaskaheritage.org and look for scholarships.

De YOUNG MUSEUM SAN FRANCISCO Presents Tsimshian Haayuuk Dancers

Friday Night, Sept. 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Golden Gate Park at the Museum Entrance.

Dance Performance by Tsimshian Haayuuk. *Tsimshian haayuuk* means "Spirit of the Tsimshian" in Sm'Algyax, the language of the Tsimshia, an indigenous people of the Pacific Northwest. Tsimshian Haayuuk is a non-profit cultural organization that operates as a cultural outlet in the Puget Sound area, educating Tsimshians to the language of their ancestors through song and dance, and inspiring traditional art through regalia, drum making, design, carving, and weaving.

Our Tlingit and Haida Community are invited to watch their performance and to support them by having family in the audience. It is a preview of the dancing they will do next day at our Culture Event. You should arrive no later than 5:45 because the Museum gets crowded. The event is free unless you want to visit the Art Galleries. There is a parking garage or free parking if you don't mind a walk in the park. For information and directions check out the De Young website at www.famsf.org/devoung.



T & H INDIANS AT THE ZOO

This year's T & H Picnic at the Oakland Zoo Children's park in July was a fun event with about 60 people attending throughout the day. Eileen Baustian and the Duncan brothers brought canopies to shelter us from the hot sun, while Loy Arandela supervised the BBQ. Kathy Paddock smoked 2 whole salmon for appetizers and everyone brought enough food to feed an army. Margaret Wolley and Will Micklin handled the raffle raising over \$300 for our College Scholarship Program. YEAH!!

Missy Mackell, on college break, and new member Lisa Valdovar handled the raffle drawing. New member, Carlos Robinson and his wife brought their brand new baby. We haven't seen Eileen Michna for years and she brought a dozen family members...had to leave the other dozen at home...heh.

Our T & H Lawyer that we hire for \$1 a year, Tom Weathers, with Jon and Derek Duncan did a great job on the Blue 'Killer whale' piñata. The kids bashed away at it until they were exhausted and it was finally wacked down to be destroyed on the ground, candy everywhere. Hope to see you all next year.





DANCER'S ARRIVE AT San Francisco AIRPORT

Many of you are related to the Tsimpshian Dancers and others want to just meet them, so here is the flight information for the 34 dancers arriving on Thursday, Sept. 25. Alaska Air Flight #316, arriving at 6:37 p.m. Another 5 are travelling by van from Seattle and arrive the same day. They will be staying at the Travelodge at the Wharf, 1450 Lombard St., and (bet. Van Ness & Franklin) San Francisco, Ca. 94123.

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

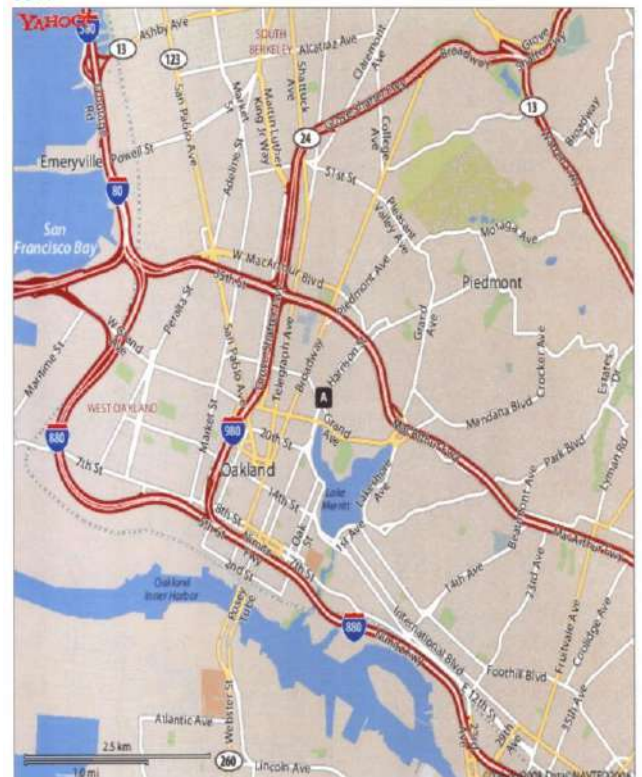
At this year's General Assembly in Juneau, the San Francisco Community presented and passed a Joint Resolution to establish a committee to support Alaskan Natives who are in the service of our country. This is great news! The idea of a committee is to help support the Veterans, the soldiers and families.

In the last newsletter, the wrong resolution was copied into the newsletter so if you want a copy of the Resolution, please contact Elizabeth Martin at email address Kahtsawah@comcast.net or the person who made the darn mistake in the first place...me, Kathy Paddock at email address Haidawoman@sbcglobal.net. SORRY FOR THE MISTAKE.



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