

November, 2008

## Newsletter



San Francisco Community Council

### Calendar of Events 2008

**NOVEMBER 7 – 15:** American Indian Film Institute Film Festival – See website for details. [www.aifisf.com](http://www.aifisf.com)

**NOVEMBER 11:** Film Festival - Tlingit Film "Box of Wisdom Totem Pole" shown at Embarcadero Center Cinema at 7 p.m., One Embarcadero Center, Promenade Level, San Francisco, Ca.

**NOVEMBER 15:** FREE Breakfast Reception at 8:30 a.m., International House of Pancakes, 200 Beach St., San Francisco, 94133, for Tlingit & Haida Members to greet Andy Ebona's "Yaaw Tei Yi Tlingit Dancers" from Juneau. Raffle of donations including art, trade bead necklace and a painted drum.

**NOVEMBER 15:** Film Festival Awards Night, 6 p.m. at the Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon St., San Francisco, 94123. Juneau Tlingit Dancers featured as part of the Show.

**DECEMBER 6:** Christmas Party at Scott Fulton's new home, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 60 Northgate Ct., Daly City, Ca. 94015. All Tlingit & Haida members, spouses and children are invited.



Juneau Dancers at Film Festival!

Don't miss this is a fun a great place for us all to get together!

### **JUNEAU TLINGIT DANCERS BREAKFAST RECEPTION NOV. 15**

By Kathy Paddock

Andy Ebona and the Yaaw Tei Yi Tlingit Dancers from Juneau will again be in San Francisco to perform at the American Indian Film Festival Award Night on Nov. 15. That same morning at **8:45 a.m.** SF Tlingit & Haida will host a **FREE BREAKFAST RECEPTION** for them at the **I HOP Restaurant** at 200 Beach St. near Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco. They will do some Tlingit songs for us to learn so bring your drum if you have one. Last year the socializing with friends from home made it an event to remember.

We will all be served the same breakfast between 9 – 9:30 a.m. in the small private room in the back of the restaurant. **The restaurant WILL NOT SERVE US AFTER 9:30 so don't be late.**

Afterwards we will have a Raffle of wonderful donations including: Grand Prize – “Deik Chaak” Two Eagle Drum by Tlingit Artist Mitchell Denny; Framed Salmon Print by Haida Artist Scott Fulton; Navajo design afghan by Jackie Clark; \$50 gift certificate to “Gathering Tribes Shop” by Penny Opal Plant; Haida Trade Bead Necklace by Kathy Paddock; Shell necklace design by Carol Wahpepah; Chaak Eagle and Yeil Raven carved refrigerator magnets by Tlingit artist Margaret Wolley; Raven & Eagle Lovebirds sweatshirt by Odin Loning; DVD “Alcatraz is not an Island” story of 1969 occupation and Book “Alcatraz Indian Land Forever” by Eileen Baustian. The proceeds will go to the breakfast and any remaining funds will go to our College Scholarship Fund. Donations will gladly be accepted.

At 6 p.m. at the Palace of Fine Arts, the Tlingit Dancers will be part of the American Indian Film Festival Awards Night entertainment along with other Native musicians, performance artists, comedians and singers. Several well known Native actors and actresses will be handing out the Film Awards. Last year, Andy Ebona invited other Haida and Tlingit people onto the stage and my son Conor shocked the heck out of me by dancing. Those guys brought the house down! It is a “Can't Miss” Event.

## 2008 Christmas Party

**December 6th, 1:00pm-6:00pm**

Scott Fulton & family hosting  
60 Northgate Court, Daly City, Ca 94015

Please come join the San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council celebrate the holiday season. There will be plenty of fun, food, music, games and people through out the event. This is a family event, so we hope to have everyone join us.

This is a pot luck, so bring something to share.

A-F- Dessert

G-M- Appetizers

N-T- Main dish

S-Z- Side dish

Sodas, water and punch will be provided.

"White Elephant" game, each person please bring a wrapped gift (\$15-\$20).

If you have any questions please call:  
Scott Fulton 650 997-3071

**By Aaron Rosenberg  
Los Angeles, California**



My great grandfather George Kelly. It's one of the earliest known photos, one of the direct descendants of the Ice Man mummy, taken in 1911 in Kluckwan, Alaska.

Waa saa ituwatee? (How are you doing?)

My Tlingit name is Eech ya ("Face of the Coral Reef"). I am the grandson of Duk' laweidi (Eagle / Killerwhale). My grandmother, "Yi yoo snook" was born in Kluckwan, Alaska over 100 years ago and my great-grandfather, George Kelly, is Wolf, (Kaag waan taan yadi).

I was born and raised in Los Angeles and my name is Aaron Rosenberg. My father was Jewish so I guess that makes me the best of both tribes. I am the youngest of my generation and my family has always held a great interest and pride in our Alaskan Native heritage. We took frequent trips to Alaska to visit family, learn our culture and appreciate our motherland's majestic beauty.

I am honored to be the first recipient of the Tlingit and Haida Scholarship Award. I graduated UCLA in '91 and as the other Scholarship recipients will agree, T&H was such a tremendous help. Gunal' cheecsh.

College was an enriching experience and certainly gave me the strength of who I am today. I've had the pleasure of meeting presidents and having Hollywood royalty as friends. I worked in the Entertainment industry for a number of years on the corporate level and even owned a popular Hollywood celebrity tour business. I'm working on a documentary on my friend Edith Shain who is the LIFE Magazine Times Square Nurse (picture of the sailor kissing the nurse in Times Square). I currently work in a law firm in Los Angeles and my work associates know that I am partial to my Native heritage.

My family recently discovered that we are linked by DNA to the ancient Ice Man mummy found in a melting arctic glacier in British Columbia. They call him "Man Long Ago Found" or "Kwaday Dan Ts'Inchi". We are thrilled to be a part of this great and historic archeological discovery. For centuries, folklore has spoken of the young strong man, who, on a journey fell and was injured. He told his comrades to carry on before the storm approached and he died a hero. If by chance Kwaday is this man, my ancestor, I'm proud to be a direct

descendant and a member of the Tlingit tribe related to one of the earliest known Americans. We are the first Americans. We are the true Americans.

Last month, I drove my Harley up the coast to San Francisco to join the T&H Culture Celebration. The Tsimsian dancers performed beautiful song and dance. I posted my journey on YouTube in a video under "aaronr323" if anyone would like to enjoy some of the highlights. There was wonderful food including dried fish and seaweed and the same familiar and kind faces that helped me earn my education.

Thank you once again San Francisco T&H Community Counsel for giving our people the chance to further our education and bringing us together in California.

### **A.N.B. Grand Camp Convention Submitted by Jackie Clark**

I was privileged to attend the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Alaska Native Brotherhood Grand Camp Convention held in Ketchikan, AK October 6-11<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The theme was "Honoring Dr. Walter Soboleff". He will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Many brother's and sister's spoke of his work with our Native people and his many achievements, it is so easy to see why this gentle man is so loved by so many.

As part of the program, Grand Camp honored the past Grand President's from the hosting Camp. Both of my parents were honored from Saxman Camp #15. My father, Joe Williams, Sr. was past A.N.B. Grand President in 1952 & '53 my mother, Elizabeth Williams was past A.N.S. Grand President in 1964 & '65. From Ketchikan Camp #14 who co-hosted, Mary Jones was also honored as past A.N.S. Grand President, she is also the A.N.S. Grand President Emeritus, and Richard Jackson was past A.N.B. Grand President. Families were invited to come forward as biographies were read and plaques were

presented to each camp, and pictures were taken of the families. As I sat there observing the activities of each day, I could see why my parents so loved going to the convention each year, they followed traditions, the Robert rules of order and just enjoyed meeting old and new friends.

Elections are held each year and those elected were A.N.B. Grand President Brad Fleutsh, First VP Andy Ebona, Second VP Willard Jackson, Secretary Jeff Jackson, Treasurer Al McKinley, Sergeant at arms William Bird. A.N.S. Grand President Johanna Dybdahl, First VP Libby Watanabe, Second VP Micalyne Mcghee, Treasurer Marietta Hopkins, and Secretary Natallie Abbot. The next convention will be held in Juneau, Alaska.



Tsimpshian Dancer

## **ALASKA CULTURE CELEBRATION A WONDERFUL EVENT**

By Kathy Paddock  
Sponsored by San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Council, the event was a joyous celebration of our heritage in many ways. The Tsimpshian Haayuuk Dancers from Seattle, with their story performance art, masks, costume changes and dances made our Bi-Annual event a huge success. For some of our local Tsimpshian, Haida and Tlingit people who rarely see such

performances, it was a very emotional experience.

As a professional dance group, they took our breath away. As a family dance group, they included us in their dances. They performed a "New Blanket & Regalia" dance where Loy Arandela introduced his new blanket made by his wife Paulette. With each button she sewed on, Loy saw his love for her grow. Not bad after empty nine years of marriage. Kathy Paddock danced her new Haida Hat and dedicated it to her Clan Uncle, William Wallace. The hat was made by Jo Jo Wallace Nix from Hydaburg and Sacramento. The Haayuuk Dancers presented to us over \$300 for our Culture Event and Scholarship Fund, what a dramatic moment that was. In San Francisco the evening before, the Haayuuk Dancers also performed for about 500 people in front of the new De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park. The Haayuuk Dancers did demonstrations of their Raven's Tale Weaving, beadwork, carving and art for all to learn and enjoy. Now the food...that was special. The Nix family should win a prize for their contributions. From Hydaburg they brought deer meat for a great stew, fish eggs for a salad, both of which disappeared immediately. T & H Central Council President, Bill Martin and Ashli Hobbs, saw to it that we got dried halibut, smoked sockeye strips and seaweed for the whole tribe. And did any of you try the delicious wild asparagus salad? We need to give special thanks to the Committee Chairs: Loy Arandela, Master of Ceremonies; Kellie Bliss, Children's Cultural Center; Gregg Mc Vicar, Sound System; Laurie Mc Vicar Kozisek, Food; Derek and Jon Duncan, Set up and Take down; Margaret Wolley, Raffle; Debbie Williams, Hotel Arrangements & Newsletter; Diane Ricks, Silent Auction and Jackie Clark, Registration. AND we need to notice that we had about 30 other volunteers helping, especially 11 yr. old Aryan Paddock who helped with darn near everything. Wish I could give you all a

prize for the most participation that we have ever had. This is the first time that our Children's Cultural Center nearly ran out of supplies. Great Job!

## WEBSITE: [www.sfthcc.org](http://www.sfthcc.org) TO BE LAUNCHED SOON!

This year we have so many talented young people joining our group that we have decided to launch a new official website. With Jon Duncan in the lead, Carlos Robinson and Keith Fulton to help design the site on Yahoo, we hope to have it up for a trial run by early 2009. Many young people come here to college from Alaska and other T & H members move to our area and have not been able to find us until now. We will use the site for our newsletter, coming events, contact us, and post photos of our activities and e-mail addresses available to any of our Registered SF Tlingit & Haida members who care to have one.

In the meantime, if you want to see some pictures from our Alaska Native Culture Celebration held this last Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, go to Juneau Central Councils website at "ccthita.org" and click on Oct/Nov Tribal News and go to page 12 of the newsletter.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Each year the scholarship committee accepts new and returning applicants. Completed applications must be received by June 1, 2008. If you are interested request an application for the 2009 school year, contact the scholarship chairperson, **Margaret Wolley at:**

**(925) 371-1968**

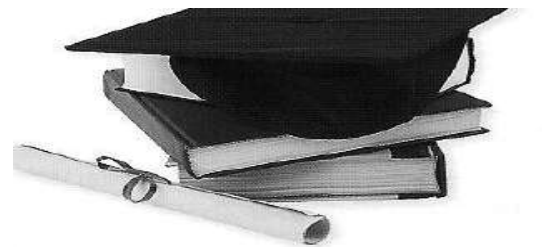
**[kaposia2000@yahoo.com](mailto:kaposia2000@yahoo.com)**

**Mail to: 1127 Via Cristobal St.  
Livermore, CA 94550.**

To be eligible for a scholarship, you must be enrolled with Tlingit/Haida Central Council and registered with San Francisco Community Council.

You must be attending a university, college or trade school. If you are a high school student, you may also apply for scholarship. High school students must successfully complete high school, and be enrolled in a college or trade school before being given the money. Until then, the money sits in an account. You may apply all four years of high school, which could potentially add up! (Interest earned will go back into the scholarship fund) For any interested scholarship applicants, here is a list of what needs to be collected while you request an official application form:

1. Transcripts of all studies taken beyond high school.
2. Official high school transcripts IF you have not completed at least one full year of study beyond the high school level.
3. A letter of recommendation from a faculty Counselor.
4. A letter of recommendation from an employer or professional Associate. If you have not had significant professional employment, the letter may be from a clan leader, a community leader, or Clergy person with whom you are personally acquainted.
5. A short essay on your goals and ambitions--tell us about you!



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**The Native America Film Festival November 7-15 2008**

**Please Help Us Update Our Mailing List!**

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