



SUN'AQ TRIBE OF
KODIAK

Annual Report to the Membership

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Tribal Administrator's Message

Dear Sun'aq Tribal Members:

It has been a rewarding experience serving as your tribal administrator. Thank you for the opportunity. This past year, my third, has indeed been exciting and demanding as we continue to grow and refine programs to better serve you. Obviously, if you live in or near the City of Kodiak you've noticed our most visual area of growth, the tribal center renovation project.

By the time of the release of this report, at the December 10th annual meeting, over half of the work will be completed. All 19 new second floor exterior windows are in place, bringing an expansive view of Kodiak throughout the upstairs office area. The project is a culmination of three years of focus on purchasing the building, raising funds for renovations, a construction contract and finally overseeing the work which is going well and on

time. Since conception the project has grown in scope to where the current phase is an \$800,000 improvement. But that's not the end of things. Following this phase of renovation we will be purchasing and installing high quality office partitioning upstairs and new flooring in the tribal hall downstairs. In addition we will be renovating and upgrading the bingo and pull tab counters and equipment. All told, just under one million dollars will be spent. We are confident you will be proud of the results.

Throughout this report our program managers provide you a review of the year. I hope you have some time to look over their reports. I want to pass along to you my appreciation for the work of our staff, in particular the past few months while construction has gone forward. It's been loud, noisy, dusty and crowded, but they've endured and

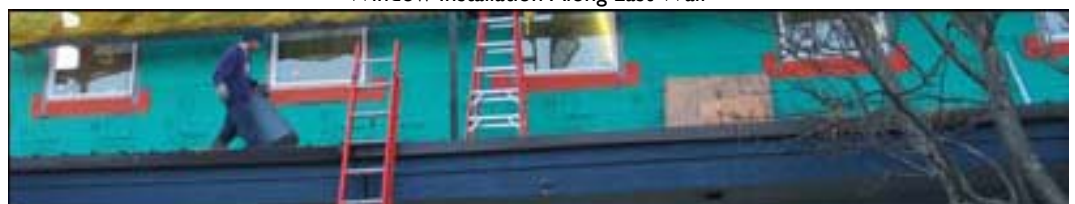


Robert Polasky,
Tribal Administrator

worked hard to provide a high level of service to you, the membership.

Finally, I want to express my deep gratitude to our departing Chairman, Chris Helms. His three years of service, at this critical time in Sun'aq history, has been invaluable to the staff and me. I will miss his calm, steady leadership and wisdom and wish him well in the future, one that includes his eventual return. Thank you Chairman Helms.

Window Installation Along East Wall





Virginia Abston,
Financial Director

Tribal Financial Picture

LISTED BELOW ARE THE FEDERAL FUNDS AND THE TOTAL OF THE AMOUNT THAT WAS EXPENDED UP TILL SEPTEMBER 30, 2006. AS YOU CAN SEE WE ARE FINALLY SPENDING DOWN SOME OF OUR OLD GRANTS WHICH WILL MAKE THE FUNDING SOURCES HAPPY AND MY JOB A LITTLE EASIER.

*“Look at each day
as a chance to
invest life into life.
A chance to share
your experience
and deposit it into
someone else’s
conscience. Each
day is a chance to
work miracles in
the lives of others.”
-Jim Rohn*

			CARRY FORWARD	SPENT
ICWA	2002	\$	9,529.25	\$ 9,529.25
ICWA	2003	\$	21,490.00	\$ 21,231.24
ICWA	2004	\$	5,760.00	\$ 5,760.00
ICWA	2005	\$	36,964.00	\$ 36,964.00
CSBG	2005	\$	39,528.00	\$ 39,528.00
CSBG	2006	\$	41,716.00	\$ 36,306.75
STOP	2004			
STOP	2005/2006	\$	150,000.00	\$ 50,543.00
ANA	2001	\$	6,647.00	\$ 6,647.00
ANA	2002	\$	72,077.00	\$ 70,523.70
ANA	2003	\$	93,188.00	\$ 22,731.33
TITLE IV-B	2006	\$	8,659.44	\$ 1,019.56
ROADS	2001	\$	9,777.00	\$ -
ROADS	2002	\$	18,926.21	\$ 18,926.21
HIGHER ED	2004	\$	67,418.00	\$ 67,418.00
TRIBAL COURT	2004	\$	53,041.00	\$ 41,474.29
477	2005/JOM	\$	45,746.00	\$ 36,349.00
477	2005	\$	375,131.00	\$ 352,618.83
477	2006	\$	357,893.00	\$ 179,837.73

THESE ARE B.I.A FUNDS THE GRANT IS SMALLER NOW BECAUSE OUR CORE FUNDING IS FROM THE 477.

TOTAL 638 BIA FUNDS FOR FY 2005 \$ 199,518.00

		CARRY FORWARD	SPENT
TRIBAL OPTS.	\$	29,323.42	\$ 24,818.26
SOCIAL SERVICES	\$	7,348.58	\$ 6,754.83
DEATH BENEFITS	\$	17,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
INDIRECT	\$	29,323.42	\$ 23,787.39



Tribal Financial Picture Cont.

TOTAL 638 BIA FUNDS FOR FY 2006 \$170,902.00

TRIBAL OPTS	\$	78,683.00	\$	59,961.93
SOCIAL SERVICES	\$	58,380.00	\$	7,131.17
INDIRECT	\$	33,839.00	\$	28,997.13



Michelle Holmes,
Receptionist/
Support Staff

TRIBAL ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 09/30/06 WAS \$63,764.24

THIS ACCOUNT HAS ALWAYS PICKED UP NON GRANT EXPENDITURES AND BELOW I HAVE LISTED JUST SOME OF THE LARGER AMOUNTS

1.	TRAVEL FOR COUNCIL	19,219.71
2.	PER DIEM FOR COUNCIL	17,800.29
3.	TRIP GAVE KTC START UP FEES AND PURCHASED PULL TAB INVENTORY	15,537.78
4.	UTILITIES	15,092.58
5.	INSURANCE (GENERAL)	15,326.00
6.	WORKMANS COMP	11,831.00
7.	DIRECTORS & OFFICERS	1,989.00
8.	PROFESSION FEES	15,092.58
9.	DONATIONS	3,800.81
10.	REGISTRATION/TRAINING	2,659.50

THE TRIBAL ACCOUNT RECEIVED FROM BINGO THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS

1.	QUARTERLY DONATION	30,398.05
2.	QUARTERLY DONATION	40,000.00

RENT INCOME FROM BINGO 65,739.36 (\$5,478.28 * 12)
ALSO UNTIL MAY OF THIS YEAR THE LOAN PAYMENT CAME OUT OF TRIBAL ACCOUNT THIS AMOUNT WAS \$5000.00 PER MONTH. THIS HAS MOVED TO THE GAMING ACCOUNT AND NOW THE TOTAL LOAN PMT OF \$5,500.00 COMES OUT OF THIS ACCOUNT.

GAMING ACCOUNT CHECKING AS OF 09/30/06 IS \$30,763.73

HERE IS A PARTIAL LIST OF SOME OF THE MAJOR EXPENDITURES

1.	TRAVEL FOR COUNCIL	3,545.97
2.	BOROUGH TAXES	4,286.25
3.	INSURANCES (ADDITIONAL W.K.	3,970.00
4.	KTC	15,537.78
5.	THIS WAS START UP MONEY AND BUY OUT PULL TAB INVENTORY	
5.	LOAN PAYMENT	15,126.38
6.	VARIOUS OTHER SMALL	

THE GAMING PROCEEDS NOW GOES INTO THIS ACCOUNT AND WE HAVE HAD TWO DEPOSITS FROM THE BINGO

1.	QUARTERLY DONATION	50,330.65
2.	QUARTERLY DONATION	34,973.36

THIS ACCOUNT LIKE THE TRIBAL ACCOUNT WILL PICK UP NON GRANT EXPENDITURES. THIS ACCOUNT WAS OPENED LATE 2005 BUT DID NOT BECOME ACTIVE UNTIL MAY SO THERE IS NOT THAT MANY EXPENDITURES. THE LOAN PAYMENT FOR THE TRIBES LOAN IS ALSO BEING TAKEN OUT OF HERE AND THIS HAS INCREASED TO \$5,500.00

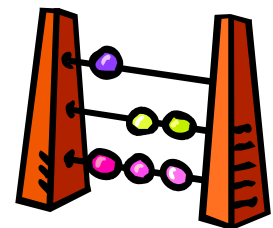
BUILDING R&M ACCOUNT FUNDS AS OF 09/30/06 \$19,111.64

THESE FUNDS CAN BE USED FOR SMALL REPAIRS AND UPKEEP ON THE BUILDING.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT AS OF 09/30/06 WAS \$111,691.55 AND CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED SO THESE TOTALS WILL BE CHANGING RAPIDLY.

GENERAL ACCOUNT USED FOR GRANTS AS OF 09/30/06 \$254,702.30

“Whatever you vividly imagine, ardently desire, sincerely believe and enthusiastically act upon...must inevitably come to pass.”
-Paul J. Meyer





Kippy Robbins,
Program Services

**“That some
achieve great
success is proof
that others can
achieve it as
well.”
-Abraham
Lincoln**

This program is designed to assist students attending an accredited college or university pursuing an Associates or Bachelor Degree. The student must be an enrolled member of the Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak to receive these benefits.

There is a wide variety of majors being studied by tribal member students. Following is the list of those majors, **Accounting,**

Higher Education

Biological Science, Business Management, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Dentistry/Oral Health, Education, English/Communication, Fire Science, General Studies, Human Services and Social Work, Information Technology-Computer Network Systems, Marine Transportation and Maritime Management, Media Imaging Technology, Music, Nurs-

ing, Psychology, Secondary Education/History, Theatre Arts and Architectural Drafting, and Welding and Nondestructive Testing Technology.

There were 30 Students Funded. This program is steadily increasing in participation. We encourage tribal members to use the higher education program.

\$73,260.00 Total Spent

Adult Vocational Training

The AVT (Adult Vocational Training) program provides funding for any institutional training in a recognized vocational or trade school, etc. The purpose of the program is to assist Native Americans to acquire the job skills necessary for full time satisfactory employment. To be eligible you must be Alaska Native living in the

Kodiak service area. Award of these funds is ongoing, based on funding availability. We have students currently taking cosmetology, office management, nail tech, diesel mechanic.

Recently students have graduated from **Massage Therapy, office procedures, welding, heavy equipment operating, nail tech, hazwopper**

training, and culinary arts, among others area of study.

12 Participants received \$14,495.00 in total expenditures.

Stipends

Students attending Adult Vocational Training receive a stipend of \$177.00 per month to subsidize their expenses.

Other Program Services

Job Placement

This program assists those eligible to acquire the job skills necessary for full time satisfactory employment through on the job training. This program pays the wages for a successful applicant to receive training on the job. Four of these participants were receiving training at the Camaï’ Café. The other two were trained

by other local businesses.

6 Participants
\$19,181.00 total expenditures

Burial Assistance

5 Approved applications
\$12,500.00 Total expenditures

Community Service Block Grant

This is a once a year
\$500.00 grant provided to

low income families. The eligibility is based on the federal poverty guidelines. Families can be assisted with education, employment, income management, housing, nutrition emergency services and health.

51 families were assisted
\$25,500.00 Total expenditures



Youth Craft Activity

Johnson O'Malley Program

This grant supported the dance coordinator and youth specialist position along with the supplies needed to run the programs. Both of these positions are pertinent to the culture and academic progress of the tribal youth. Budget - \$36,000.00

Dancers

The dancers have had a very productive year. They have performed for many events and attended workshops to learn additional dances, make crafts, and repair regalia. They performed at the Crab Festival, Alutiiq museum gathering, Rita

Stevens going away party, Com Fish, cruise ship tours at the high school, AFN, and much more.

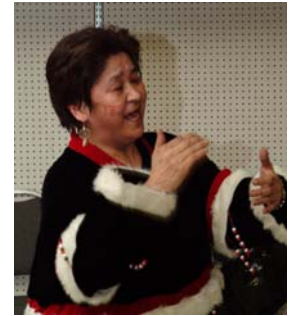
Youth Group

The youth group was very busy throughout the year. The youth specialist, Teresa Stutes, worked very hard and did a great job at keeping the youth busy and engaged in the group's progress. Just a few of the activities were: Easter celebration, Crab Festival float and they volunteered their time to Koniag during the Crab Fest, Alaska Federation of Natives Youth and Elders Conference, Civil

Air Patrol, meetings twice a week, and summer camping trip. They also raised the majority of the money needed to travel to AFN.

Our future plans are to focus on academic success for our youth. We are looking forward to working with the youth and their families for the betterment of the youth's education. We want our youth to be ready to learn at all grades and have a natural progression into Higher Education, AVT, or a Self taught career.

Kippy Robbins



Carolyn Kelly,
Alutiiq Dancers
Coordinator

“To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life.”

-Robert Louis Stevenson

Native Youth Services

The **Summer Program (ages 7-12)** consisted of **Arts and Crafts** for the month of June, **Pizza and Games** for the month of July, and in August an over-night **Camp Out** at Camp Mueller. During the camp out, we had a couple of teens from the Native Youth Group (Together As One) take part in the activities and help out.

For the **fundraisers** to go to AFN the **Native Youth Group (Together As One)** put on a **Spaghetti Feed** and a **Teen Dance** at the teen center and also

are selling **Soy Candles and Natural Soaps**. We will continue to sell the candles and soaps through out the rest of the year as they have been a very popular item.

All the students that were on the list to attend the AFN Elders and Youth Conference were able to go as they passed all the qualifications to be accepted. I and Jane Eisemann (who teaches Alaska History at the High School) went as chaperones. The students participated in the work shops and sat in during the sessions in the main hall.

Hopefully the High School will be hiring an Indian Education Aide soon as they were interviewing recently. I will be working closely with the aide and keeping up on the students academic progress.

I would like to start a program with students who are in the 6th grade and younger. It would be nice to be able to get parents/guardians involved also. I am open for any suggestions that might help in this area.

Teresa Stutes



Teresa Stutes,
Youth Specialist



Chris Polasky,
Social Services
& ICWA Program

Sun'aq Tribe's Healthy Families Initiative

The Tribe has been awarded a grant through the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Administration for Native Americans for a project to provide culturally appropriate relationship/marriage counseling services and education. The funds are contracted through Providence Counseling Center and

are available for any interested couples and individuals. We have funding available for many families; however, very few have taken advantage of the opportunity. We would like to encourage families, single parents, married couples, or unmarried couples, who would like to learn better relationship communication skills. The project

funds are accepting to all relationship stages and arrangements. Singles who are interested in increasing their family and relationship communication skills are welcome to become involved. Please call the office and talk to me about The Healthy Families Initiative.

Chris Polasky

“Success has always been easy to measure. It is the distance between one’s origins and one’s final achievement.”
-Michael Korda

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Program

The Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak intervenes in State Child-In-Need of Aid (CINA) cases that involve enrolled, or eligible to be enrolled Tribal citizens. We become a party to the case, and advocate according to the ICWA for the best outcome

of our Tribal children. We, here at the Tribe, believe that each of our children are our greatest resource. After all, without our children the Tribe would not continue. We receive many questions from Tribal Citizens about our ICWA Program

and about the Act itself. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about how ICWA works and how the Tribe gets involved with ICWA cases.

Chris Polasky



Playing together is a healthy family activity.

The Sun'aq Tribe has available G.A (General Assistance) funds for qualified applicants. Any natives who reside in our community may apply for services. We know

Financial Assistance

a lot of families struggle during the holidays and we are here to help if we can. We are hoping for an infusion of Community Service Block Grant funds to be available by

January of 2007. As soon as we have those funds available, we will put out a notice to Tribal Citizens in the Kodiak Daily Mirror.

Chris Polasky

Tribal Enrollment

As of December 1, 2006, Sun'aq has 1426 enrolled tribal members. Since the last annual meeting, the Tribe has enrolled 85 new members. It has been exciting to welcome new members to the tribe.

If a member comes into the office, we are able to give them new Tribal ID cards in only a matter of minutes. Michelle has been cross trained and can do cards when Delores is out of the office. We send out membership applications upon request and have quite a few requests weekly.

With the cycle of schooling, we see people coming

in for higher education funds just before the new semesters begin. We are able to determine if they are members or not and have them fill out the application for membership right away if they are not already enrolled. If they are enrolled members, it is a good time to update their personal information and to get them a new ID card.

We have been able to assist in a lot of different ways. We have on site, the applications for Alaskan birth certificates as well as BIA Certificates of Indian Blood or CIB's.

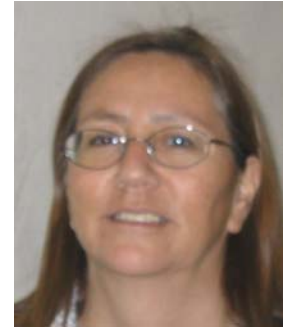
For those members out of town, we can do photo

ID's if they send a head shot in JPEG format to STKEnrollment@msn.com.

The application for enrollment can be picked up at the tribal office anytime or it can be found on our website at: www.sunaq.org.

Tribal enrollment is available at any time, though there is a process to complete. The completed application form and supporting documents are received by the office. The enrollment committee reviews these and recommends these to the Tribal Council for approval.

Delores Stokes



Delores Stokes,
Executive Assistant

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.”

-Aristotle

Economic Development and Planning

I wish to thank the Tribal Council, Administrator Bob Polasky, and all my colleagues for your kind leadership, advice and assistance to me in my education of how things are done in Alaska and the United States. While I have worked with many indigenous Tribal administrations and national and international organizations over some 37 years, Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak, is the most unified, constructive and cooperative institution I have had the opportunity to be a part of.

The building renovations have gone well, and while there have been some discomfort with the noise, I do not believe service to the Aluttiq public has suffered. It will all be worthwhile and we will have a very fine office environment indeed.

I was honored to be elected to the Kodiak Tribal Council Board and

have seen my volunteer board colleagues climb into the harness of our Non-profit, take up the stewardship of its assets and provide for a smooth transition to a Multi Beneficiary Permit arrangement with STK.

I have been provided with excellent professional development opportunities in small business incubator theory and best practices in St. Lois; non-profit organizational development in Grande Ronde, Oregon, and have attended a series of Indian Reservation Transportation Program training sessions to assist in coordinating upcoming community transportation planning and a Tribal roads inventory.

With the new offices complete, we will have a user friendly small business incubator capacity to advise and assist Tribal members in their

exploration of enterprise. Economic Development and Planning has a pending proposal with RurAL CAP to provide for a mentoring experience for a VISTA America volunteer. Eleven tribal members have made enquiries into small business opportunities and loans. Three have undertaken adult financial literacy training and/or have commenced The Small Business Administration's internet small business court. Others have received credit enquiry advice.

Finally, near completion, is a multi-year funding proposal in support of Council's economic development planning priorities.

It has been a very good year with excellent support, including an apprenticeship in the pursuit of silver and red salmon.

Dave Monture



Dave Monture,
Economic Development
And Planning



Rebecca Skinner,
Natural Resources
Department

***“What you
leave behind is
not what is
engraved in
stone
monuments, but
what is woven
into the lives of
others.”
-Pericles***



Iver Malutin & guests
at traditional foods
potluck

Natural Resources Department: Year in Review

The Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak Natural Resources Department (Department) was fully staffed as of January, 2006, almost one year ago. It has been a busy first year for this Department!

Rural Review and Federal Subsistence.

Immediately after starting in January, 2006, Department staff (Rebecca Skinner) began familiarizing herself with the Federal Subsistence Program and potential consequences of the Federal Subsistence Board redesignating the Kodiak road system from Rural to Non-Rural for federal subsistence purposes. The Department and Tribal Council members participated in a community-based group organized to address the subsistence issue, called the Kodiak

Rural Roundtable. The Roundtable formed as a collaborative effort between concerned individuals and local governmental entities, including the Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak, Woody Island Tribal Council, Native Village of Afognak, and City of Kodiak. The Roundtable facilitated one visit to Kodiak by several Federal Subsistence Board members and staff in June, 2006, which included a traditional foods potluck. Subsequently, almost the entire Federal Subsistence Board flew down to Kodiak for public testimony on the Rural review process on September 21-22, 2006. The Board will hold a final public hearing on this issue in Anchorage on December 12-13, 2006. A final

decision about Kodiak’s status and continued access to federal subsistence resources is expected by the close of the meeting on December 13, 2006. A key discussion point during the review process was Kodiak’s population of around 12,000, which is over the 7,000 threshold used by the Board, but about the same as Kodiak’s population in 1990 when the Board found Kodiak to be a Rural community. The Board will take final public testimony regarding Kodiak at the December 12-13 Board meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, so if you’re in Anchorage please consider stopping by the Egan Convention Center to testify.

Rebecca Skinner

Federal Aviation Administration consultation and community networking.

The Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement with the FAA outlining how the FAA will consult with the tribe during the ongoing runway improvement project. Department staff represents the tribe in the consultation process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the runway project. Tribal consultation gives the tribe a voice in the planning

process, and creates an avenue for tribal members to raise concerns, such as subsistence use areas that may be threatened by the project. In addition to working with the FAA, the Natural Resources Department has represented the Sun’aq Tribe in monthly meetings with other local governments to discuss environmental management and planning throughout the past year. Participants in the meetings in-

clude representatives from Woody Island Tribal Council, Native Village of Afognak, City of Kodiak and Kodiak Island Borough. The monthly meetings provide a forum to discuss opportunities for all local governments to work together on projects, and a good example of a joint effort this year was all of the work put toward the Federal Subsistence Board decennial review process and public comment.

Subsistence Bird Harvest Surveys

Do you gather eggs or participate in subsistence duck hunting? Did someone ask you to fill out a colorful one page survey form, illustrated with pictures of ducks, seagulls and other subsistence birds? Following the 2006 Spring and Summer harvest seasons tribal surveyor, Carolyn Kelly, contacted tribal members to find out how many birds and eggs they harvested in 2006. The survey project was con-

ducted in collaboration with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Subsistence Division, and the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service. Tribal staff identified over 80 households that potentially harvest subsistence birds and eggs. If you harvest seagull or duck eggs, or hunt during the subsistence season, please let us know. This information is collected for statistical purposes, and your household will remain

anonymous. In addition to helping the State of Alaska and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service better manage migratory bird population, the information is important to the tribe as a way of documenting customary and traditional use of these resources by tribal members. If you would like to know more about the survey or subsistence bird harvest please call Rebecca Skinner at 486-4449.



Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council

In 2006 the Sun'aq Tribe assumed management of the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council regional grant for the Kodiak Island area. During the past year the tribe hosted two regional meetings of the Kodiak Regional Advisory Council, the regional body that advised the state-wide

AMBCC on migratory bird management issues. For 2006 the regional body discussed two proposals, one to allow registration with local tribal councils and one to change harvest dates to coincide with when birds are physically present in the Kodiak area. The Regional Council is

comprised of representatives from each of the federally recognized tribes on Kodiak Island and meets twice each year. Kodiak's regional representative attending AMBCC meetings on Kodiak's behalf is Herman Squartsoff, of Ouzinkie.

Rebecca Skinner

***“Each man
should frame
life so that at
some future
hour, fact and
his dreaming
meet.”***

-Victor Hugo

Tribal Environmental Surveys

Throughout the next month you will receive an environmental questionnaire from the Sun'aq Tribe in the mail. When you get this survey please take a moment to fill it out and return it to the tribal office! The survey is your chance

to tell staff what issues are important to you, and responses will help guide program development for the next several years. If you have questions about the survey, or want assistance filling it out, please do not hesitate to call Rebecca Skinner

at 486-4449. Your responses are very important to us, and, if you return your survey by December 15, 2006, you have a **chance to win** \$150 in fuel from Kodiak Oil Sales!



Kodiak Regional Advisory Council



Aksana Mather,
Women's Advocate

***“The only limits
to our
realization of
tomorrow will
be our doubts
of today.”
-Franklin D.
Roosevelt***



Members enjoying the
food at the Tribal Picnic.

STOP Domestic Violence Against Native Women

What "causes" domestic violence?

- Most domestic violence is caused by learning and reinforcement rather than biology or genetics.

- Domestic violence behaviors are learned through observation.

- Domestic violence is learned not only in the family but also in our society. It is learned and reinforced by interactions with all of society's major institutions: the familial, social, legal, religious, educational, mental health, medical, entertainment/ media, etc. In all of these social institutions there are various customs that perpetuate the use of violence as legitimate means of controlling family members at certain times. These practices inadvertently reinforced the use of violence to control intimates by failing to hold the perpetrator accountable and by failing to protect the abused party.

- Domestic violence is repeated because it works.

- The fact that most domestic violence is learned, means that the perpetrator's behavior can be changed. Most individuals can learn not to batter when there is sufficient motivation for changing that behavior. The court plays a strong role in providing perpetrators with sufficient motivation to change, and participates in the rehabilitation process by holding the perpetrator accountable for both the violence and for stopping the pattern of coercive control.

Domestic violence is not caused by alcohol or drugs.

- Alcohol and drugs such as marijuana, depressants, anti-depressants, or anti-anxiety drugs do not cause non-violent persons to become violent.

- Regardless of the exact role of alcohol or drugs, it is important to

focus on the violent behavior and not allow substance use or addiction to become a justification for the violence.

- While the presence of alcohol or drugs does not alter the finding that domestic violence took place, it is relevant to the assessment of lethality and in determining case dispositions. The use of or addiction to substances may increase the lethality of domestic violence and needs to be carefully considered when weighing safety issues concerning the abused party, the children, and the community.

- Domestic violence is not "out of control" behavior, but a pattern of behavior that is used by the perpetrator because it works.

- Some perpetrators will batter only in particular ways, only use violence towards the victim even though they may be angry at others, break only the abused party's

STOP Domestic Violence Against Native Women Cont.

possessions, not their own. They are making choices even when they are supposedly "out of control." Such decision-making indicates they are actually in control of their behavior.

Domestic violence is not caused by "anger."

- Some battering episodes occur when the perpetrator is not emotionally charged and are done intentionally to gain the victim's compliance. The perpetrator chooses to use violence to get that to which they feel entitled. Displays of anger by the perpetrator are often merely tactics employed by the perpetrator to intimidate the abused party.

- Perpetrators choose those acts of abuse that work and which subject them to the least risk. They choose acts of abuse or violence which they believe the abused person is particularly sensitive or responsive to. They

choose the times and places that are designed to have the most powerful impact with the least risk.

Domestic violence is not caused by "stress".

- We all have different sources of stress in our lives. We can respond to stress in a wide variety of ways. People choose to reduce stress according to what has worked for them in the past.

- It is important to hold people accountable for the choices they make regarding how to reduce their stress, especially when those choices involve violence or other illegal behaviors.

Domestic violence is not caused by problems inherent in the relationship between the two individuals or by the abused party's behavior.

- People can be in distressed relationships and experience negative feelings about the behavior of the

other without being forced into responding with violence or other criminal activities.

- Looking at the relationship or the abused party's behavior as a causal explanation for domestic violence takes the focus off the perpetrator's responsibility for the act of violence, and unintentionally supports the perpetrator's minimization, denial, externalization, and rationalization of the violent behavior. Blaming the victim or locating the problem in the relationship provides the perpetrator with excuses and justifications for the conduct.

For more information on how you can help to stop domestic violence in our community call Sun'aq Tribe at 486-4449 and ask for Ak-sana Mather – STOP Violence against Native Women Grant Coordinator.



Staff enjoying the Tribal Picnic

"Inspiration could be called inhaling the memory of an act never experienced."
-Ned Rorem



Alutiiq Dancers perform at Tribal Picnic

Proudly representing the members of the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak

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OF KODIAK**

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www.sunaq.org

Shoonaq' Tribal Bingo

Regular Weekly Schedule as follows:

Tuesday through Thursday & Saturday:

Doors Open for Pull Tabs and Bingo Sales at 6:00p.m. Bingo session starts at 7:30p.m.

Friday:

Doors Open at 6:00p.m. First session starts at 7:00p.m., second session starts at 10p.m.

Official Election Results are in!

The Sun'aq Tribal Council had two seats up for election. The ballots were mailed and the date of the election was set at December 1, 2006. The Election Supervisor and two election judges canvassed the ballots on Friday, December 8, 2006.

seats are: **Thomas Johnson, Jr. and Brenda Schwantes-Brown.**

The newly elected Tribal Council members will be sworn in at the next regular Tribal Council meeting.

Cash Prize Drawing

Every valid ballot received postmarked on or before Decem-

ber 1, 2006 was automatically entered to win one of 5 cash prizes. The winners of those prizes are:

- Christie Chernoff - \$ 50.00
- Teresa Stutes - \$ 50.00
- Fred Sargent - \$ 100.00
- Rosabel Baldwin - \$ 100.00
- Hans Olsen, Jr. - \$ 200.00

The official winners of the two three-year


Tribal Council meetings
are held monthly on the
4th Tuesday evening of
every month.
Public is welcome!