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THIS MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKERS

Barbara Allen works for the Small Business Administration (SBA) as a Business Development Specialist. She works with SBA's 8(a) Program, Small Disadvantaged Business, HUBZone, Tribal Entities, Native American Owned firms, along with the other small business set-aside categories such as Woman Owned, Veteran Owned, Service Disabled Veteran Owned, and other minority owned businesses located in Oregon and SW Washington. She is the Portland District Office's Native American Liaison and is a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes, North Dakota. Her background of over 22 years of Federal Government service includes 20 years in construction contracting with the Federal Government. Barbara brings with her experience and knowledge of the procurement world of government contracting and is anxious to assist those who wish to contract with federal and local governments. With the current economic impact, being available for and marketing for government contracts could make a difference to you and your business. Currently there are only 165 Native American owned firms in the SBA Portland portfolio of which only 8 are in the (a) BD Program and 18 firms are HUBZone certified. We know we can do better to get them registered in business development programs!



Contact Barbara Allen at 503-326-5222 or Barbara.Allen@sba.gov or visit www.sba.gov/or/ for more information

Bonnie Kahn has over three decades of experience building sustainable businesses with Native American artists. She also works with tribes to curate their museum collections. Author, lecturer, business owner, film maker, and teacher, Bonnie brings a wealth of experience working in Indian Country.



Visit Bonnie Kahn at
www.bonniekahngallery.com

Contact Bonnie at 503-293-9414 or
bonniekahn@aol.com

Dates to Remember:

- **February 3-April 15** Free Tax Preparation and E-Filing at NAYA. Contact Irena Solomon, irenas@nayapdx.org
- **March 19-21** NW Indian Storytellers Retreat. Contact Caitlin Blood at 503-517-9759, nisaretreat@gmail.com
- **April 15** Free Workshop-Indian Sports Mascots: Racism or Honor? 6:30 PM-8:30 PM. Contact Office of Diversity & Equity at 503-725-5919 or Native American Student Center at 503-725-9695
- **April 17** 8th Annual Honor Dinner by the Museum at Warm Springs. Contact Carol Leone at 541-553-3331, carol@redmond-net.com

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e-200 Native America

Executive Education Program:
Accelerator for Native American
economic growth

**Discover and learn how to
'grow' your business**

Course curriculum includes: Self directed work, 'step back and look' at your own business, self-assessment plan; set goals, 3-year growth plan, CEO mentoring groups, and more!

Attendees must be the decision maker of the firm. This is an Executive Level training program consisting of 13 evening sessions (5pm-8pm) beginning April 22, 2010.

If interested, please submit completed EXPRESSION OF INTEREST form by deadline of March 31, 2010 per instructions on form. You may obtain the Expression of Interest form from SBA's Sylvia or Barbara at 503-326-2682 or at Sylvia.gercke@sba.gov or Barbara.allen@sba.gov. Additional contact ONAC Board Secretary, Bianca Kednay at biancak@onacc.org

NAYA Family Center Small Business Class: Expanding Your Future

This is a small business class for those interested in starting their own business. The curriculum is Native specific. By the end of the class participants will have a written a business plan and have a greater understanding of what it takes to start a business. The cost is \$50.00 for the curriculum and is yours to keep. Individual Development Accounts for those that qualify will help participants make purchases toward their small business.

March and June classes are Full. Register today for the condensed version **September 10th & 11th (9:30AM- 3:30PM)**. Contact CJ Williams at 503-288-8177 x231, cjw@nayapdx.org

Financial Beginnings

Free financial educations programs that encompass the following session topics: **Banking, Credit, Insurance, Savings & Investing.**

- Financial Literacy for Middle School Students
- Financial Literacy for High School Students
- Financial Literacy for Young Adults
- Financial Literacy for Parents

If you are interested or want to learn more about this organization, please contact:

Melody Thompson
Phone: 800.406.1876

Email: melody@financialbeginnings.org

Attention: Contractors and Small Business Owners *We need your input!*

The Oregon Department of Transportation invites you to a public meeting to discuss what information we should gather when we update the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise **DISPARITY STUDY** later this year.

When: March 24, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Where: ODOT Region 1 Headquarters in Portland
123 Flanders NW, Rooms A & B

We want your suggestions on what we should include in the new study, which is the follow-up to the 2007 Disparity Study.

For more information, contact ODOT Office of Civil Rights, (503) 986-4350

LET'S DO LUNCH! WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2010



Members meet the last Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise noted), from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

Monthly meetings are located at The NAYA Family Center— 5135 NE Columbia Blvd Portland, OR 97218, 503.288.8177

Lunch will be provided by **The NAYA Family Center kitchen**, a new catering company located in the NAYA Family Center.

The menu will vary, but is certain to be delicious.

Cost (cash or checks preferred): \$15 members/ \$17 non-members

Please **RSVP by Friday, March 26 by 9:00 am.** to Bianca Kednay at: biancak@onacc.org.

We are unable to guarantee a lunch if you do not RSVP by deadline.

ONAC Meeting Dates for 2010

January 27, February 24, March 31,
April 28, May 26, June 30, July 28,
August 25, September 29, October 27,
November 17

Save the Date
ONAC 6TH Annual Gathering
October 8, 2010

Business of The Month Gary Compton Construction is Native American-owned focusing on forestry, commercial, and residential projects. Gary Compton reflects on his business by honoring his father who was born on the Southern Cheyenne Arapaho Reservations in Watonga, OK. Gary's father, Carl Compton, overcame great hardships and moved to Oregon to start his construction company in 1964. He worked for Bonneville Power and others while he built roads and bridges, logging, fish habitat work, etc. Compton & Son Construction was established in 1980. In Gary's words, "I made sure my father wasn't poor when he died". Today, Gary Compton Construction (1991-present) continues his father's legacy. Over the years, Gary worked for people he greatly admired such as Joe Russell of the US Army Corps of Engineers who was in charge of the night shift in the World Trade Center on September 11th. Gary has contributed to environmental efforts by restoring wetlands. When working with Tom Morris, he donated \$25,000 in free services to the Chemawa Indian School- one of his proudest moments. "Giving back to the community is how my inner spirit will carry on" –Gary Compton.

Contact Gary Compton Construction at 541-998-8822 or garycompton09@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Benefits:

- Monthly meeting to connect and network
- Provide opportunities to do business with Native American enterprises
- Heighten public awareness of native owned businesses
- Provide training and educational

business programs aimed at Native American youth

- Enlist Oregon Native American entrepreneurs, Individuals, and the Oregon Business community at large to join and support the mission of the Oregon Native American Chamber

Fees:

- Sponsor- \$500.00/year
- Tribal sponsor- \$250.00/year
- Small business/Non-profit- \$75.00/year
- Small business plus One individual- \$100
- Individual- \$50.00/year
- Student - FREE

Contact Bianca at biancak@onacc.org

Please fill out membership form on-line - www.onacc.org

28th Annual PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect: April 11-14, 2010
at the DoubleTree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center, 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, Oregon

Presented by the National Indian Child Welfare Association

Featuring innovative workshops and presentations on strategically and tactically meeting the needs of our children and to improve healthy outcomes for our most precious resource—our children. We welcome you to join us in Portland, Oregon!

Conference Goals

- To highlight successful strategies for building effective services
- To reveal the latest and most innovative practices of child welfare and children's mental health service delivery
- To highlight tactics and strategies for the financing and sustainability of services that impact children
- To showcase strategies for involving youth and families in developing services and policy that lead to systems change

For General Information or for Information on Exhibitor Applications, Please contact: Laurie Evans at 503.222.4044 x 124 or by email at laurie@nicwa.org

•Cost: Early-bird (Postmarked/received with payment by 3/19/2010): \$395 •On-site (Postmarked/received with payment by 3/19/2010): \$460 •Presenter: \$150 •Student: \$150 (Valid student ID must accompany registration)

TRADING AT THE RIVER 2010

May 3-6, 2010 at the Tulalip Resort Casino, Tulalip WA

“BRIDGING TRIBAL ECONOMIES—MAKING CONNECTIONS”

This is a unique gathering where Tribal government leaders, tribal entrepreneurs, tribal enterprise managers, economic development practitioners, and entrepreneurial support organizations, such as state agencies, universities, and for-profit and non-profit funders, both commercial banks and CDFI's come together each year to exchange ideas, contacts, discuss policy for small business and tribal economic development in Indian country.

“Trading at the River is the PREMIER event in the Pacific Northwest for Native entrepreneurs and Tribal Business Development. ONABEN and Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI)-Financial Services Corporation will be joined by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development and the Native Nations Institute.”

For Registration Information or General Information visit <http://www.onaben.org/>

Jim Pepper Arts Festival

A Native American Arts Festival featuring live music, spoken word, contemporary and traditional dance, and more!

Our meetings are open to all interested persons and organizations. The meetings take place from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates, generally the 1st or 2nd Friday of each month: April 2, May 7, June 11, July 9, August 6, September 3, October TBD

Please contact Sean Cruz by phone at 503-257-6432 (office), 503-804-2616 (cell phone) or at seancruz@comcast.net

Employment Opportunities



Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission

- Looking for **Seasonal Maintenance Workers**
- **Closing date: 3/22/10**
- Start: April 1, 2010 thru Sept. 30, 2010.
- Hiring preference given to enrolled members of federally recognized Indian tribes. See full job description at www.critfc.org

Multicultural Integrated Kidney Education Program (MIKE Program) Administrative Support Position

Closes: March 20, 2010.

Position provides administrative support to the Board of Directors to reach program goals. Please see website www.mikeprogram.org for full position description and application

Portland State University

The Office of Information Technologies - Computer Infrastructure Services is seeking a full-time
Windows Server Team Manager

Full Job Announcement online at:
www.pdx.edu/hr/employment
(click on "Faculty and Administrative Openings")

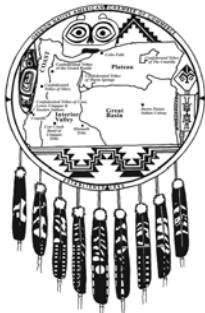
Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)

Contact: Patrick Eagle Staff, Human Resources Manager at patrickes@navapdx.org

For job listings, visit: <http://www.navapdx.org/about/jobs.php>

All jobs located in Portland, OR.

NAYA Family Center's mission is to enhance the diverse strengths of our youth and families in partnership with the community through cultural identity and education.



OREGON NATIVE AMERICAN
CHAMBER

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If you would like to submit an article about your business please send them to Melissa at wijetung@ohsu.edu. Please use the following template – 12 font Times New Roman, normal and no more than 150 words.

Thank you,

ONAC Board Members

* President: Herb Fricke

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* Membership Coordinator: Dave Thayer

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WWW.ONACC.ORG

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