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Tribal Chairman's Report

Dear Fellow Tribal Members,

I know you are all probably very busy getting ready for all the holiday festivities and family gatherings. That is one of the most important part of these holidays to me; a chance to see our families and spend time with people we don't see regularly and of course eating.

It has been a productive year for the Tribe and we have a lot to be thankful for. Our Tribal Council has worked tirelessly over these past several months to make our government something we all can be proud of. The strategic planning is almost completed and we have outlined several strategies to improve our tribe and community. One of those is specifically focused on governance and ways to improve transparency and increase member involvement in all aspects of the Tribe.

As a side note on important accomplishments for 2015 there are a few that stand out in my mind:

- We were able to rid our Tribe of a group of self-interested thieves thus stopping a massive financial drain of tribal resources.
- We placed our minors trust into a real interest bearing account after languishing at a local bank with minimal earnings for years.

- We sold and/or closed marginal businesses and we are still righting other businesses for success.
- We developed a plan for the future with the input of a majority of members.
- We conducted a full scale review of our casino to help position it for the future.
- But most importantly, we were able to minimize members tax burden by adopting the new general welfare guidelines, just to mention a few.

This past year we discovered we could not manage the affairs of the Tribe and it's businesses only meeting once each month. We found ourselves meeting sometimes weekly and often twice a week on issues that could not wait. We have tried to continue the first Saturday meetings as much as possible but it has become more difficult to conduct the Tribe's business with one meeting a month. To alleviate this we have changed the regular Tribal Council meetings to the first and third Thursday of every month from 10:00am to 12:00 noon beginning January 2016. We will notify you where these meetings will be held ahead of time in the newsletter, the website as soon as it is available, and by posting it in and around the tribal properties. This will allow us to add more meeting days and times if they become necessary as we move into the future. Of course you can always call or email the office to find the location and time of any tribal meeting before it occurs.

Corrected 1099s for 2012, 2013, and 2014 will be coming out in the first quarter of 2016 to make adjustments for the changes brought about by the General Welfare Exclusion act. We will send out a full letter of instruction to all members with your corrected 1099s that will tell you how to handle your amended taxes, and what tax preparers will be available to help you.

In order to make it as smooth and quick as possible to get your filing done, you will need to have a complete copy of your tax returns (or transcripts) for those years. If you do not have copies of your tax returns for 2012, 2013 and 2014, you will need to get a copy of them either from your tax preparer or directly from the IRS and the State, if you filed tax returns for those years. You will not be able to file an amended return unless you or your tax preparer have a copy, so please be prepared and get copies of your returns ready now.

Tax transcripts are free and you can get them for the current year and the past three years. In most cases, a transcript includes all the information one needs. Forms to request transcripts are available online or at the office. If you cannot find your tax returns and they are required, the IRS charges \$57 per return for copies and the State of California charges \$20.

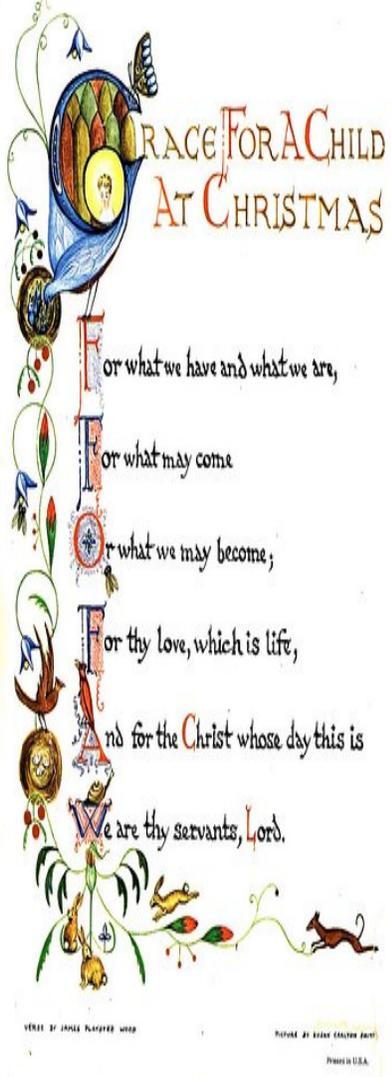
As we move into the new year please feel free to give us feedback on issues that are important to you and know we are doing everything we possibly can to bring our Tribe and government back to it's full potential so we can all share in a brighter future.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year...

Andy Freeman
Tribal Chairman



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Announcements

Best Wishes

Santiago and Jaquetta Juarez
Married September 22, 2015



Addiction is a family disease. It affects the relationships of those close to the addict: parents, spouses, siblings, children, longtime friends and employers. If someone's addiction is affecting you, you must help yourself. Nar-Anon is a twelve step support group for families and friends of addicts.

There are no dues or fees to join. Just come to a meeting. You will hear others, who are going through similar problems, talk about how they cope and find recovery.

New meeting on Wednesdays, 7-8 pm, 667 E. First Ave. Chico, CA 95926.

January Casino Events

Carlino's Event Center

- * January 2, 2016: *Thunder Cover* (Pop/Rock/R&B)
- * January 9, 2016: *OffThe Record* (Dance Music)
- * January 16, 2016: *Branded* (Country Music)
- * January 23, 2016: *Michelle Lambert* (Original to Top 40's)
- * January 30, 2016: *Decades* (Dance Music)

Equestrian Center

- * January 1, 2015: New Year's Eve Barrel Racing
- * January 2nd and 3rd: King Roping

The Links at Rolling Hills Casino

Regular play through the month of January

Tribal Council Meetings

Starting in January 2016, the council meetings will be Thursday Mornings from 10am to 12pm in the Human Resources Training Room. The schedule for January is as follows:

- * January 7
- * January 21

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Tribal Council Meeting 10-12pm	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21 Tribal Council Meeting 10-12pm	22	23
24	25	26	27 Distribution	28	29	30
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