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Re: SHIP NEWSLETTER July, 2010

XAAYDA KIL JIINGA XAAYNANGA GAS GA - Haida Language Long Live!

At a meeting a few weeks back the Skidegate Band Council presented the SHIP Elders with a cheque for \$63,000.00. This money will be used to keep our door open for the next exciting year. Also Haawa to the SBC for hiring Sandra Russ to clean our SHIP building. We are extremely grateful to you for your support.

HAAWA, HAAWA, HAAWA to SBC !

June was a very busy month for the elders.

On June 6 the Gwaii Singers and Friends performed a most inspiring and beautiful concert with all the proceeds going to our Program. They raised over \$500.00 for the elders who will use to money to attend the 10th Haida Language Gathering Meeting.

Then on June 11 the Elders hosted a beautiful seafood luncheon for the many people and groups whom made significant contributions to our program this year. Over 25 people attended the luncheon. Haawa to each of you for supporting us. We were very grateful for all that you have contributed to our program. Haawa again to Chief Nang Jingwas for his \$ donation to our Program, and Pearl Pearson for attending the 'Haawa Luncheon' on his behalf.

And a special big Haawa to Jerry Moody and Gladys Irene Hans for helping us cook that day. We very much appreciated your wonderful help!

We also want to recognize and thank Marianne Ignace for sharing her Xaad Kil Grade 1-2 Curriculum with the SHIP elders. We hope to translate some of her work into the Skidegate Haida Language in the fall. Haawa, Marianne!

On June 14 the Elders hosted an "Appreciation Dinner" for Diane Brown.

Diane was the leader of the SHIP Program for 12 incredible years. Her family and friends joined the Elders on this joyous day to a beautiful seafood luncheon. Many kind words were spoken of this amazing lady. We love her and miss her.

SHIP Quote of the Week

"Find the warm places; do not expect them to come to you. When you find them, stay there and be still. In this quiet, taste the air. Lick up the taste of it. Listen. Listen with the full length of your body against the ground." Kathleen Dean Moore

Xaayda Quote of the week –

Sihlgyang kiiGaay t'alang sdiihlda – QCI

The name we are giving back is QCI

Asii tllgaay kiiGaay yahk'aay aa ijii – Xaayda Gwaay.

The real name of this place is – Haida Gwaii



HiGaagilda Xaayda Kil
Skidegate Haida Language
Fluent Speakers - 27
Oldest 88 years –
Elenore Russ
Youngest 62 years -
Gwaganad (Diane Brown)

Xaayda Kil Word Quest?

What does this Haida word mean in English? - GAAWGA

Give us a phone call at 559-9073 with the correct meaning, and win a SHIP Xaayda Language CD. Please leave **your name, phone #, and the meaning**, on our answering machine. The first correct caller will be the winner. No winner last month!

ENLIGHTENED PERSPECTIVE – Instructions for life – Nice thoughts

Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.

Sleep for 7 hours.

We would like to thank the following people for supporting our program:

1. DVD Aboriginal Success Stories from Across Canada from the Haida Heritage Centre
2. Rick MacDonald / Clear Brook Trucking for the donation of 1500.00
3. Dolly Garza for the salad
4. Sarnia, Ontario students for the visit and the donation of \$150.00
5. Gary Russ for the Seaweed, fixing our spare room door, and the kitchen towels
6. Gwaii trust for Travel Assistance Money to Prince Rupert
7. Kenny Williams for dropping off the 21 sockeye, and the Haida Fisheries for giving them to us
8. Gladys Vandal for organizing the food for our last two SHIP luncheons!!
9. Al Vandal for the naw, splitting, and smoking our fish
10. Adult Day Centre for the pie plates
11. Amy Hans for splitting fish for us
12. Golie Hans for the smoked sockeye
13. Dr. Jordan Lachler for gifting each of the elders with a copy of the newly published Alaskan Haida Dictionary, and the large box of Sailor Boy Crackers
14. Betty Richardson for the beautiful flowers
15. Angus Wilson and Joanne Yovanovich for the pop, candies, and coffee

Yours truly,

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