

# Cook Inlet plans Second Dena'ina Potlatch

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In October of 1979, a potlatch was held in Kenai for the first time in over seventy years. It was sponsored by the Kenai/Cook Inlet Branch Office of Cook Inlet Native Association.

Some highlights of the event were songs and dances by the Minto Dancers of Minto and the CINA Youth Dancers from Anchorage. The elders from Tyonek Village gave a special performance also though they said they were not prepared as they had not planned on singing. The onlookers had a great time watching, listening and trying some of the dances for the first time. The Dena'ina ladies of Ke-

nai served traditional Native foods to more than 450 people from all over Alaska.

The Second Annual Dena'ina Potlatch is scheduled to take place on the 30th of August at the National Guard Armory on Forrest Drive in Kenai. The potlatch will start at noon and run all day and through the evening this year.

We would like to invite any and all Native dance and sing-

ing groups to come and participate and enjoy our day with us. We would also like to have traditional Native games this year so any athletes or teams of athletes are invited to call and talk to us about competing.

We invite any suggestions on how to make our Potlatch bigger and better this year. We are also gladly accepting any volunteer help if you feel like getting involved.

For more information, please weekdays or write to POB call June Lindgren at 283-2562, Kenai, AK 99611. 3448 between ten and four on

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