



FNA POTLATCH CROWD — Fairbanks Native Association's annual potlatch as usual drew a huge audience this year. The popular event was held at the Fairbanks Lathrop High School complex.

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Varied Foods, Lively Entertainment at FNA Potlatch

It was fun, food and lively entertainment for the 1,500 people who attended the 12th annual Fairbanks Native Association Potlatch at Lathrop High School recently.

Lucy Carlo, executive director of the FNA was pleased with the turnout at the event that is annually held when rural people gather in town for the Tanana Chiefs Convention and the North American Sled Dog

Championships.

Carlo estimated that the Potlatch brought in approximately \$6,000 for the non-profit organization. The money will be used throughout the year for scholarships to young Natives and as an emergency fund for needy Native people.

Effie Kokrine, Poldine Carlo and other Native women cooked for three days to serve the long lines with such Native delicacies as moose head soup, caribou, Indian ice cream, homemade bread and juicy salmon.

Other treats donated were muktuk, seal oil and blubber, fish ice cream, dried fish strips and

assorted salads and desserts. Clientale and staff at the State Jail donated many hours to cook chicken and ham.

Students in Project Now at the Native Center and members of the FNCC staff donated 5 caribou that they shot on a hunting trip to Arctic Village, and the hunters of Arctic Village donated 4 more caribou.

Dancing competition was a major part of the evening. Groups

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from Nenana, Barrow and a group of Navaho Indians stationed at Ft. Wainwright performed, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and Olga Amouak.

The Amouaks won the dancing contest with their beautifully rhythmic and well-timed Eskimo stories. They received a \$100 prize.

Judges for the events were Steve Matthew, and State Senators John Sackett and Willie Hensley, Dorothy Perdue and Eva Heffle.

Claude Demientieff was chairman of the Potlatch committee. Sam Kito, President of the Board of FNA shared emcee duties with Mitch Demientieff of Nenana. For this work on the Board, Kito was presented with a valuable dentallium chief's necklace made by Sally Hudson of Manley Hot Springs.

A lucky man that evening was John Demoski of Galena who won the first place door prize of a round trip for two to Hawaii.

Martha Stevens won a round trip for two to Ft. Yukon for the spring carnival and Arnold John won a third place prize of \$100. The tickets were donated by Elfrieda Kushida of Travelers Services.

The Fairbanks Native Association would like to thank the following businesses and people for their efforts; Effie Kokrine, Poldine Carlo, the State Jail-Mr. Rollins, Bookbin, Borealis Book Store, Ruth Samuelson, Ann Taylor, Ollie Anderson, Barbra Albert, Lary Schafer, Dorothy Hertlein, Elfrieda Kushida-Travelers Services, Jerry Woods, the people of Arctic Village, Mary Jane Fate, the dancers who performed and Mitch Demientieff.