

Letter of Thanks to TT Banquet Helpers

October 28, 1974

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AT THE TUNDRA TIMES BANQUET AND EVERYONE ELSE:

The TUNDRA TIMES BANQUET held October 26, 1974 at the Discovery Ballroom hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage surpassed the goals and expectations of the Board of Directors of the Tundra Times. We wholeheartedly thank those of you who made the Banquet the success it was by your involvement, patience and presence.

Buffy Sainte-Marie's gift of performance was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by everyone. She's 'real people' even in working in preparation for the great evening.

Congressman Lloyd Meeds, speaker of the evening relayed his message to his friend, the Alaskans from all parts of the state.

At the headtable, we give thanks to Governor and Mrs. Bill Egan, Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Mike Gravel, Miss Eskimo-Indian Olympics, Marilyn Pete, Frank Degnan, AFN Citizen of the Year, Commissioner Morris Thompson, George Attla, Huslia Hustla; Kekpa Kaapu of Oahu, President of Aloha Association, Vice President Charles Kauluwehi Maxwell, Maui. and Oden "student-at-large." Congressman Don Young and Lu were with us at the cocktail hour. Also at the head table was the man who held the evening 'together', master of ceremonies, Roger Lang, President of AFN.

AFN staff helped in preparation, with Donna Christie and Tom Evans, Jr. providing their expertise.

Decorations were by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Senungetuk. Ronald designed and artistically made the original trade-beads and silver neck ornament presented to Buffy on behalf of the Board of Directors of Tundra Times.

Thank you Fred Stickman for joining us at the Banquet. You deserved the "LETTER TO THE EDITOR" award.

Laura Wright Parka Shop of Anchorage loaned two warm cozy parkas to Buffy and Norbert Putnam. The suites were complimentary on behalf of the Captain Cook to Tundra Times. We thank the Banquet manager and catering staff of the Captain Cook for the good food, haste in serving and ABOVE ALL for the ability to seat hundreds of additional people by rolling in many more tables at the 'zero hour'.

President Raphael Murran, Sea Lion Corporation of Hooper Bay donated on their behalf the appetizer; 155 pounds herring eggs on sea weed "LLQUAT" served Yupik style. You can buy this at

George's Market in Anchorage. Mr. Dixon unselfishly shared his personal seal oil for dip.

Helen and Chester Seveck, famously known throughout the world, honored Tundra Times and Buffy by sharing two Eskimo song dances. The Eskimo drum was provided by Paul Tuilena.

The Native carved spoon, with Buffy's added ornament was carved by Stan Katchetak originally from Unalakleet. The Arctic Slope Native Association, President Joe Upicksoun was given the gift after a \$550.00 bid for the Tundra Times. Sam Kito was a great salesman.

From the Fairbanks Native Association funded by the Johnson-O'Malley monies was "project Now Students" who filmed the full evening. Mr. Mark Shellinger, video production specialist and Miss Karen Perdue, River Times Editor and journalism teacher of the JOM program directed the production which will be seen in many of the villages and urban areas, on TV, projectors and radio. The video students were from Manley Hot Springs attending high school under the Boarding Home program in Fairbanks. They were Mike Fleagle, Al and Doug Hagen. Other photography and journalism students were Josie Jones, Jeri Fleagle of Manley, Kirby Sookiayak and Judy Kangas of Ruby.

APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE-6 project of KUAC, University of Alaska provided us with Moses Wassillie, Producer-reporter, Mark Badger and Richard Kahn, cinematographers and Molly McCammon, writer, researcher. Channel 9 KUAC will show the program. They will also provide it to 18 villages throughout the state via satellite to places like Nenana, Minto, Tanana, South Eastern Alaska and upper Kuskokwim.

Then there were others that unselfishly gave of their expertise and time. The two pretty blond haired ladies you paid your money to were Becky Wilson of the Tundra Times staff and her sister Robin Thiel who took leave without pay from Bechtel donating double time to the Tundra Times. Of course the Board of Tundra Times and others must be thanked. Howard Rock, Editor, Co-Chairman Laura Bergt, Jimmy Bedford, photography and journalism, University of Alaska, Kar-

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en Perdue, River Times, Laurie Herman, Chris Anderson and Arla, Tom and Carol Drake, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Burke. Others who had to stay home, but helped in preparations were Daphne Gustafson, Mildred Mathews, Dave Stein and Lee and Don Alder who took over while we left town at the Tundra Times office. Thanks to Senator John Sackett and special thanks to Bob and Toni Jones for their job well done.

Thank you again Senator Ted Stevens for getting Buffy to our Banquet. Out of nowhere came two ladies that saved the day, Audrey Ambrose Armstrong, originally of Huslia and Mrs. Bob 'Marge' Attla, originally of Alakaket. Donations are rolling in from people who were unable to attend, like Mr. & Mrs. Bob Atwood of the Daily Times of Anchorage.

Last but not least, many thanks to members of our own families. I especially wrote this special note for you to realize the fact that successful such as this Banquet, catering to over a thousand plus people are the results of the efforts of many wonderful people.

Most Appreciative,
Mary Jane Fate,
Tundra Times