

One of my earliest memories of the Shasta Indians is when my great grandmother took us all to be enrolled. I don't know where this took place but I remember, at the age of about eight, standing in line with my mother and many others to get this done. It was very important to my great-grandmother that all of the family be enrolled. I'm proud to be of Native American descent. It has always been and always will be important to me.

I was born in Northern California and grew up here and have spent all but eight years of my life living in Northern California and Southern Oregon.

I have had experience as a leader nearly all of my life since I started teaching children in Sunday School when I was only 13 and a few years later became a youth leader. From there I studied Christian Education at Bethany Bible College and more recently served as Women's Ministries President and Coordinator for four years.

After being employed by a school district for more than a decade I received my career appointment with the US Postal Service. It was there I received training in many career areas of the Postal Service including supervisor training and experience.

I served three Officer-In-Charge appointments and also served as Postal Operations Administrator in the Postmaster's absence in the office where I worked. I supervised a small crew of postal employees during these times. When I wasn't filling in for the Postmaster I worked as a Distribution Window clerk in my home office and also traveled to neighboring offices when they needed a clerk to fill a temporary vacancy.

Several years ago I worked with the Tribe in developing our logo for the letterhead, roll cards and other documents. I donated my time, postage and materials for this effort. More recently I was appointed Assistant Enrollment Clerk and have been verifying information and updating email addresses and USPS mailing addresses. This must be an ongoing effort because we are obliged to keep our people informed.

My goal as Chairman is to "achieve our tribal goals and to effectively administer our tribal affairs" as it states in the Preamble of our Constitution, to preserve our homeland, culture and language, to work together toward our goal of Federal Recognition and to have a group united and working in harmony on all of our endeavors.

I would be honored to be elected Chairperson.

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