

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY Band of ODAWA INDIANS
7500 ODAWA CIRCLE, HARBOR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN 49740
TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVERAL REPORT

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MICHIGAN INIAN LEGAL SERVICES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Tribal Council and others who support MILS over the years were invited to a Dinner Celebrating their 40th Anniversary. Attached to this report is a list of sponsors of MLS including LTBB. MLS asset Tribes and Native people with legal matters at no cost.

MLS has been Incorporated since 1975. There have been times when they thought they would not be continuing giving legal service but with the support of Michigan Tribes and others they have been able to to carry on in doing good works.

One of MILS first big endeavors was too assessed in filing a petition for federal recognition on behalf of Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in 1978. GTB became the first tribe in the USA to be recognized under the new BIA in1980, Over the years MILS has assisted LTBB with federal recognition work and its Citizens in Tribal Courts.

Frank Ettawageshik was the host speaker for the evening and Aaron Otto entertained prior to dinner being served with his wonderful flute music playing. A silent auction was held to raise much need funds for MILS.

Our General Counsel Jim Bransky and our new Judge John Laimer have worked for MILS in pass years.

I t was an honor to be at this MILS 40th Celebration Dinner representing LTBB Tribe and Council along with Councilor Julie Shanaquet and Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley.

I am grateful to the Tribe and it Citizens for allowing me to attend .

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