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Speaker Morgan is scheduled to be the guest speaker for Nellie Delgarito's retirement event at Sky City Casino

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan is scheduled to be the guest speaker for dedicated health worker Nellie Delgarito's retirement dinner on Saturday, April 28 at the Sky City Casino.

Delgarito had retired on Jan. 31, 2007 as a Smith Lake Chapter Senior Community Health Worker. She worked in that position for the last 24 years.

"Nellie is truly a grass roots worker who assisted many people young and old in her community," said Peter Jordan, Delgarito's former Community Health Representative supervisor.

Delgarito a Bernalillo High School graduate continued her formal education by attending Junior Bible College and earned her License Practical Nurse credential during 1965.

After receiving her LPN license, she was employed with the Cibola General Hospital in the OB/Nursery in Grants, N.M. and Gallup Indian Medical Center OB/Nursery for several years.

Because of her love of her children, she stop working for several, and reared her children, according to a fact sheet provided by her former employer.

She began working as a Community Health Representative on January 12, 1983, and joined the Community Health Representative/Outreach Program, Crownpoint Service Unit in Crownpoint, N.M.

"She brought a wealth of experience and knowledge in nursing by working in the hospitals and as an LPN, which as an asset to our service unit," Jordan said.

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Some highlights of her career with the CHR program include she participated in numerous training sessions that is important in address complicated patient care and educating her community people regarding prevention.

Some example of Delgarito's job training include receiving a certification for Geriatric Training from the University of New Mexico and Northland Pioneer College during 2000 so she can provide proper care for the elders.

She received certification for completion of Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Education Course during 1997, and she successfully demonstrated the ability to perform blood glucose monitoring with the Accu-Check System. Jordan said that this allowed her to screen community people for early detection of Diabetes.

The Division of Health confers the title of Home Health Aide to Delgarito upon the successful completion of CHR Phase I, II & III training during 1983. The New Mexico Department of Health certified Delgarito as a Certified Nursing Assistant during 1995.

Indian Health Service/Area Director and Division of Health Executive Director gave a certification of appreciation to Delgarito for promoting Hantavirus prevention efforts during 1993, and she has received numerous continuing education units through the Gallup Fire Department such as patient assessment, cold weather emergencies and other emergencies.

Jordan said that having Speaker Morgan attend the event, and deliver the guest speech is an honor to express their gratitude and appreciation for Delgarito, a dedicated employee who served the Navajo Nation

The Crownpoint Community Health Representative employee raised enough funds on their own time to pay for this important event to honor Delgarito .

For more information on Delgarito and the event, please call Peter Jordan at (505)786-2196.