



## *Tribal Hostess*

# **Corrine Garza - S'ak'saani / Daanna' Shawa'at**



Corrine Garza is Haida Eagle/Frog/Sculpin (S'ak'saani) and Tlingit Raven/Coho (Daanna' Shawa'at – Money Woman). She holds a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Economics from Stanford University (1980) and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Washington's Graduate School of Business (1982).

Corrine first joined Tlingit & Haida in 1972 as a Field Counselor (Higher Education Specialist) and then Enumerator under a contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). She later worked for the Tribe as a Community Planner

for the Office of Development Planning until 1975. In 1998, Corrine returned as the Tribe's Chief of Business Operations. While serving in this position, she took on the role of Chief Executive Officer for the Tribe's 8(a) enterprise, Tlingit & Haida Technology Industries (THTI), before being promoted to Chief Operating Officer.

Corrine wore many "hats" throughout her career with the Tribe, but most notable is her key role in the management and protection of tribal assets and support and recommendations to the President and Executive Council in all areas of tribal executive management including policy development.

Some of Corrine's most notable accomplishments include securing a \$11.5 million settlement for unpaid contract support costs (indirect shortfalls); submitting land into trust applications to the BIA to place all Juneau Indian Village lots owned by Tlingit & Haida into trust status; negotiating indirect cost proposals that reduced shortfalls from \$633,841 in 2010 to \$137,906 in 2013; submitting a Section 17 Corporate Charter that was approved by the Secretary of Interior for the Tribe's Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation (THTBC); securing property and sales tax exemptions from the City and Borough of Juneau; and completing the Andrew Hope Building's third floor renovations and exterior remodel.

Corrine enjoys weaving spruce root and cedar, sewing, and spending time with her partner Tom, four grandchildren (Aaliyah Kato, Gabriella Medina, Marcus Medina and Malia Medina) and three children (Jeffrey David III, Dolores Medina, and Roberto Medina).

