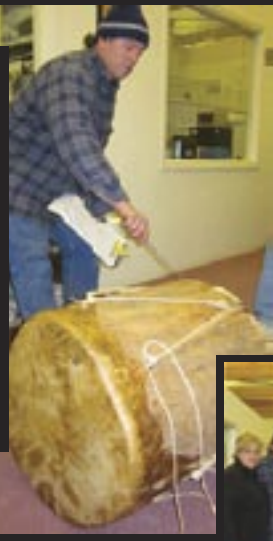
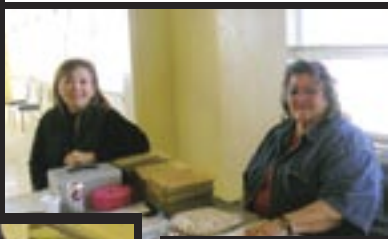


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The People of the Salinan Tribe

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FOR GEN. MTG. & BINGO
JAN. 9TH, 2011



We had Bingo for Children and Adults; it was our first time at introducing bingo into the schedule of events. January general meeting was a success. Everyone had a lot of fun and it turned out to be a nice little fundraiser for the tribe. We had only 15 players but there were others there for support. The tribe sold hot dogs, chips, drinks and fabulous desserts. Pam made cakes from scratch and Vera made wonderful persimmon, oatmeal and chocolate chip cookies. Susan Latta made brownies to die for. The kids had a great time too. Lynn and Melanie kept them busy all afternoon playing games and of course playing bingo. They had prizes and a lot of fun. We hope to do this again and have more players. We also hope to add this to our annual fundraiser and BBQ that we have in May. Wouldn't that be entertaining? Thanks to everyone who came and participated, and also those who made donations.

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We only put in the newsletter what we receive, If information needs to be announced you need to get it to us. If anyone has important or interesting information that you want to share with the tribe Please Write, E-mail the office, or contact Ken at 559-322-9918 with any articles by the 15th of the month for the upcoming Newsletter. All photographs must be original scanned and sent to pgi@sti.net we will not use copy machine pictures.

We have two open council seats and the council will begin reviewing applicants. Those interested in a council seat need to turn in a letter of intent. Letters can be mailed to the office or they can be hand delivered at a meeting. Applicants need to make sure they are able to attend the meetings before considering a seat.

Indian Gaming

Changes we can believe in Indian, casinos may soon overtake commercial casinos. Total gaming revenues for tribes appear to be more than \$26 billion a year, while the American Gaming Association reported the 12 commercial casino states generated less than \$31 billion in 2009.

But Indian gaming is getting a boost from changes in the law, or, more particularly, from those who make the laws.

The most dramatic change is the result of the election of President Barack Obama. Even though Republicans' have been able to stymie the Democrats' majorities in Congress, they cannot do much about the Presidents' power to make appointments.

The first battleground over Indian gaming is often the Department of Interior, which includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs. George W. Bush appointed Dirk Kempthorne, who was so anti-gaming that he would change the rules when it looked like he would have to approve an expansion.

For example, Kempthorne forbid tribes to acquire new land for gaming that was not within commuting distance of their current location.

Obama replaced Kempthorne with Colorado Senator Ken Salazar, a selfproclaimed political moderate.

Salazar Can reverse this decision, since it was a "Guidance Memorandum," issued without hearings or public input.

Salazar is also changing the process for recognizing tribes. During the Bush years, 15 tribes applied for federal recognition, 13 were denied, in a process that took years. Within months of taking office, Salazar's Interior recognized the Shinnecocks on Long Island.

Obama also acted quickly to appoint the head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a position the Bush Administration left vacant for years. Larry Echo Hawk, a Brigham Young University law professor, opposed Indian gaming when he was Attorney General of Idaho, but he has mended his fences with Idaho's gaming tribes.



First Lady Michelle Obama made it clear during a speech to the Interior Department that the President is going to fulfill his promise to appoint a senior White House adviser for tribal issues. She said that American Indians have a "wonderful partner in the White House right now." Another federal agency that has changed is the National Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC"). It is unfair to call former Chairman Philip Hogen an opponent of tribal gaming. In early February, 2009, for example, he ruled in favor of the Seneca Nation in its fight to keep open its casino in downtown Buffalo.

But Hogen alienated many tribes and their suppliers by fighting to establish clear distinctions between Class II and Class III gaming devices. Class II machines are technically electronic aids for games like bingo, and Hogen felt they should look and play differently from Class-III slot machines. Hogen's proposals would have slowed down the Class II devices and forced players to press buttons to daub electronic bingo cards and to declare winning patterns.

In June 2010 Tracie Stevens was named Hogen's permanent replacement. Stevens, the first Native American woman to head the Commission, was Echo Hawk's Senior Advisor on tribal issues, including gaming. In fact, all three Commissioners now have strong backgrounds in Indian gaming. And given Obama's support for issues impacting Indian's welfare, it is not surprising that these appointments are even more friendly toward tribes than those under the prior Republican administration. They may also be less willing to listen to the federal Department of Justice, which has Bush carry-overs who remain opposed to expanding gaming.

Congress is faced, again, with calls to amend the IGRA, (Indian Gaming Regulatory Act). Although no one is completely satisfied with the present federal statute, gaming tribes feel that opening-the IGRA to amendment risks undoing all that Indian gaming has accomplished over the 'last 20 years. And why chance it? Once the recession is over, this will be a very good time indeed for Indian gaming.

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Tribal updates

**We are now taking orders for
Tribal Hats**

**Colors are: Gray, Tan, or Black
The hats are in the Tribal Office,
for those who want to purchase
them.**

If you are interested contact the
Tribal Office at: 805.460.9202

Tribal Office Hours

The office will only be open one day a week. So be patient when leaving a message or email. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Or if it is an emergency you can always call a council member.

**Check out the Salinan website
for job opportunities at:
www.salinantribe.com On
The Upcoming Events Page.**

Social Service Community News

The Tribal council and the board of directors of our non-profit the Salinan Heritage Preservation Association have agreed that individuals, especially tribal members, needing to do community service will now be able to do community service for the tribe. This is a good way to give back to your tribe while giving back to the community. If you have any questions please call the office at 805-460-9202.

Remember low income Seniors can get free bread at the Atascadero Senior Center on Mondays starting at 10 am. Make sure to check out the Senior Center near you to see what kind of things they offer seniors. Reminder to all Tribal Veterans needing medical care to be sure to check out the VA clinic near you. There is a great clinic in San Luis Obispo and a new facility in Santa Maria that also does teeth and eyes. I know there is a Van available for those needing a ride to the Santa Maria and LA Clinics. Call the San Luis Obispo Office for more information. (805) 543-1233.

Also remember Tribal members needing help with finding a job or job training and educational training along with help with housing, food and utility bills. Try contacting Candelaria American Indian Council. They have been helping the Native American Community for 37 years. Call Lupe Palacio at (831) 751-6023.

Sincerely, Your Social Service Leads- George Burch, Yvonne Ayala and John Piatti

Reminder that all card holding members can go the Santa Ynez Clinic for in house Medical and Dental.
The Clinic phone number is 805-688-7070.

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➡ Business Meeting Protocol ⬅


Tribal business meetings start at 6:30 pm The first 10 minutes are reserved for open comment from tribal members or can be used by council members for input on a personal matter that they may want to bring before the council. To reserve this time you must call the Tribal office by Monday before the next business meeting. If the matter needs further attention it will be put on the agenda for the following week or when time allows.

**We are asking again that all tribal members make copies of the letter that is on our website
www.salinantribe.com on the events page and mail them to the people we have listed with the letter.
This is very important if we want the Federal government to put land in trust for us."**

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We have new T-Shirts \$15.00 ea. Colors blue, maroon, and for sizes call 805.460.9202



We will also have T-Shirts at all general meetings for purchase.

Thank you for your support, all purchases help with Tribal needs and events.

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REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) SERVING IN THE WAR. AND BRING THEM Ta'ma (HOME) SAFE.

Vision of the Salinan Tribe

We, as the Salinan Tribe, follow the way of our ancestors as we walk the path of our heritage toward becoming complete individuals. We exercise our rights as a sovereign entity. We continue to reawaken our culture. Each and every tribal member has an equal voice.

We, as the Salinan Tribe, commit to honoring the rights of each and every tribal member to practice our spiritual, individual, or religious beliefs. We remember and honor our ancestors, elders, and children now and for all generations to come.

We as the Salinan Tribe, continue to gather as a tribal family.



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February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 Happy Birthday Elder Theresa Gomez Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm	3	4	5
6 Happy Birthday Elder Gari Hahn	7	8	9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Elder Leslie Pierce
13 General Meeting at Mission San Miguel 12:00pm	14	15	16 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm	17	18	19
20		22 Happy Birthday Elder Joan Pierce Elder Raymond McDermott	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
Tribal business meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month						

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