

# T'epot'aha'l

## The People of the Salinan Tribe

Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Pierce

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Summer Solstice Becomes Great Celebration

July, 2011

This year's Summer Solstice Ceremony marked the beginning of a new five year term of the Salinan Tribe's agreement with State Parks, that officially allows the Salinan people to ascend Morro Rock, or Lesamo, twice a year for traditional ceremony. The Salinan people have gone to the top of Lesamo to have ceremony for many, perhaps thousands of years. It is a great gift to be able to go to the top again, and share it with future generations. There were many of the usual faces from the tribe, and this year was extremely well attended by the public. Some estimates were 150+ and the event was broadcast live with Dave Hovde on the local news channel, KSBY. The event was a fine example of Salinan warmth, generosity and hospitality.

The first five years of coming to Morro Rock for Solstice ceremonies has seen a lot of growth. One example is the public outreach that has been generated by opening up the fires at the base of the Rock to the public. Gradually, things have been added to include everyone who stops by. Like John Burch said in his introduction at the ceremonial circle, "We want to include all of you! We're all a part of the Human Tribe!" There were many wonderful guests, such as Father Larry, who offered up a prayer and blessings for the tribe and all who attended. Everyone at the event said they felt welcome, and there was a general good feeling all around.

This year the tribe was joined by its dependable drummers, who we are so grateful to, along with several guest-helpers. There was a group of Aztec Sun Dancers, who were fascinating to watch, and who set a very fine example of respect and honor for their tradition. It's interesting to know that each one of the dancers have worked on making their own regalia, and they can tell the story that goes with each dance. After their performance their leader led a prayer circle, which was very moving.

At dusk everyone was invited to gather on the shoreline, given a small paper bag, and told to place their hopes, wishes, or prayers in it. Then each person carried their bag of light to a large rock that sits over the ocean, and placed them on it. It was an inspiring sight, with so many wishes flickering over the water. John calls it "The Wishing Rock of Lights", and he began this new tradition so that everyone could participate in their own way. A special thanks to each and every person who worked to make this event such a success. There are far too many to name, but you are greatly appreciated! It was a positive outreach to the public.

Submitted by: Roseanna Maxwell



Photography courtesy of Tracy Hughes

# Tribal updates

## **SALINAN TRIBE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND BBQ.**

The verdict is in. This year's annual fundraiser and barbecue was a HUGE success! May 14th our annual fundraiser at the San Luis Sportsman Association was filled with fun and excitement. There were many new faces this year and lots of the tried and true. Bingo filled the hall for a few hours while the shooters enjoyed a beautiful day outside. The little Indians spent the day hunting lizards and catching bugs. Who knew it would be that easy to entertain them? The tribe made a good deal of profits from the barbecue and the trap shooting. Between that and the 50/50 we should be able to fund our newsletter a while longer. The council worked together to put on a fabulous feast. We would like to give a special thanks to everyone involved in making this day a success. Thank you to James Pierce and all of the people who helped on the barbecue, it was a delicious meal. Thanks to Russ Pierce who ran the trap house and set up the event with the San Luis Sportsman Association. Susan Latta took pictures for the tribe. The council is looking forward to our next big get together which will be our gathering. The gathering is tentatively scheduled for October 8, 2011 at Mission San Miguel. There will be more to come on that event.



## **2011 Morro Bay Kite Festival**

The Kite Festival in Morro Bay was a great success. The Salinan Tribe was well received. We were the special guests of the event. Several Tribal members participated to make the day wonderful. The parade was the first event, which we headed. Then we gathered at the Rock for the kite flying and the Prayer for the wind. The prayer was recited by Ernest Pierce who did an outstanding job memorizing the whole prayer by heart. It was very touching. Bruce Flood also helped by smudging sage to the four winds. Thanks to all who came to support our tribe. By: Pam Flood

A Special Thanks,

To the following for Helping with the Salinan Booth during the Kite Festival and for all the Donations;

Andrew Family Corp., Fresno, CA - Cash Donation  
 Memories & Dreams Photography, Clovis, CA - Cash Donation  
 PGI Graphics & Illustrating, Clovis, CA - Signs & Banners  
 Auto Repair, Los Osos, CA - Cash Donation  
 Scratch~A~Lotta, Morro Bay, CA - Supplies  
 Bailey Medical, Los Osos, CA - Tote Bags  
 Costco, San Luis Obispo, CA - Cases of Water  
 Orawheat, San Luis Obispo, CA - All the Bread  
 Lee Ritcheson, Morro Bay, CA - Meats & Cheese  
 Bill & Suzie Bradley, Arroyo Grande, CA - Cash Donation  
 Nibble Nook, Morro Bay, CA - Cases of Water  
 Cayucos Market, Cayucos, CA - Cases of Apples  
 Dee Dee Perry For the awning and helping with set up and supplies.  
 Melanie Pierce for all her hard work with the organizing and gathering of all the donations.

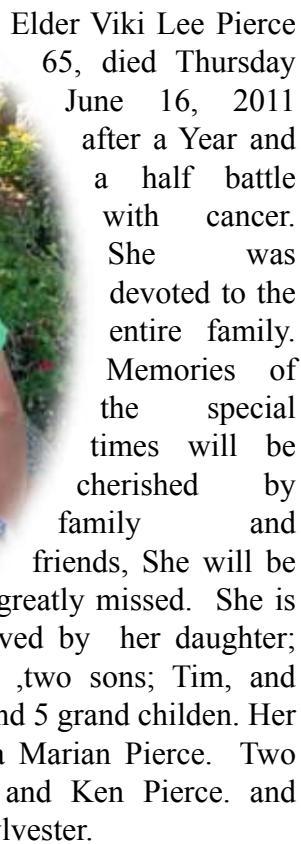
On behalf of the Salinan Tribe and the Heritage Preservation Association. We would like to thank you for your support and the greatly appreciated Donations. Our booth was a success; we couldn't have done it without you, thanks!

## **Kite Festival Parade & Gathering**

**Carrying banner  
left to right are  
Destiny Pierce,  
Isaac Flood  
and Coral  
Balent.  
Ernest Pierce  
by himself  
wearing the  
deer.**







Glenna Hayes ,two sons; Tim, and Deke Hayes, and 5 grand children. Her mother Glenna Marian Pierce. Two brothers Don and Ken Pierce. and sister Trudy Sylvester.



This display was at least 7 years in the planning. It is a time line display starting with the prehistoric people of the area" the Salinans". In this portion is a photo of some of the tribal children at a performance they did at Mission San Luis Obispo. I would encourage people to stop and check it out when in the area.

## 26th Annual California Indian Conference

## October 28-29, 2011

AT

**California State University, Chico**

We would like to hear stories and see pictures of Old Morro Bay during the next General Meeting.

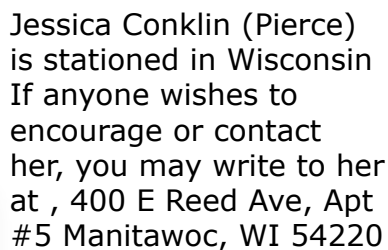
# 4th of July Celebration

**Our Tribe will be participating in the 4th of July Parade this year. 30,000 people attend the celebration in Cayucos on the 4th, this will be a good way to make our presence known in our own territory.**

**We will be meeting on Pacific St, at 9:30 Am. Wear a Salinan Tribe T-shirt, regalia, or red white and blue. Bring all the family and friends.**

**Anyone wanting to help decorate please  
contact Yvonne Davis for details:  
At 805.391.3619**

**The 4th of July parade celebration will be our July General meeting.**



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# Tribal Fundraising

Anyone wishing to donate any amount for tribal needs. Please contact the Tribal office. 805.460.9202

## Internship Opportunities for Spring and Summer 2011

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is looking to hire up to three current undergraduate or graduate students as interns: one for the spring semester and two for summer of 2011. The spring internship is a part-time position of approximately 5-10 hours a week and the summer internships are full-time positions over the course of 10-12 weeks.

All three internships are research-based and emphasize collecting, compiling and analyzing information about Indian land ownership in the U.S. These are excellent opportunities for any students who have a background in Native American history and issues or who have a strong desire to learn.

Visit our website to find out more information  
[www.salinantribe.com](http://www.salinantribe.com) on the events page.

## 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](http://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.

### **Tribal Members**

#### **From the editor: We Need Information for the Monthly Newsletter!**

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](mailto:pgi@sti.net) we will not use copy machine pictures. Check us out at: [pgigraphics.com](http://pgigraphics.com)

#### **➡ 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](http://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."**



## Tribal Sponsors

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It's easy. Send your card or ad along with a donation of \$25.00 to the Salinan Tribal Office. Your ad will then be placed here for 3 months. If you wish to place the ad for a year you may do so by sending a donation check for \$90.00. Ads are also placed on the Tribal website at

**www.salinantribe.com**

*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.*

**GET YOUR  
BUMPER STICKER!**

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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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# July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <i>The General Meeting will be at the 4th of July Parade Morro Bay</i>	27	28	29	30	1 Happy Birthday Elder Gary Pierce	2
3	4	5	6 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Happy Birthday Elder Richard Pierce	18	19	20 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm Happy Birthday Elder Michael Digges	21	22	23 Happy Birthday Elder Lorraine Brodnick
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Tribal business meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month

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