

# T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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## July Birthdays

**1st)** Elder and Tribal Contemporary Lead, Gary Charles Pierce is having his 80th birthday July 1, 2020. As his daughter I wanted to write some stories about the best dad in the world but I found myself thinking that I only know 34-year-old Gary through all of the wonderful stories and pictures that I have heard and seen over the years. Instead, I know the Gary that taught us how to fish, camp, drive a car, raise livestock and took my brothers on hunting trips. I know the Gary that learned how to coach softball because we needed a coach, who took me to practice, never missed a game and built a childhood that I have zero complaints about. He and my mom created a home full of real-life experiences, that I will forever be grateful for. We learned how to care for animals, be responsible and reliable, play sports and be team players. They dedicated 100% of their time to us even at the expense of doing things and going places with others. When Alan and I got married, I would find myself constantly saying, "lets ask dad how to do that, maybe dad can fix it". He's turning 80 and my kids still say, "ask grandpa, he'll know". So, I don't have just one story for you. I can't think of one story that sums up his life, or the 46 years I have known him. I will however leave you with one story that may remind some of you that he has the patience of a saint, Lord knows he has had to dealing with the hot-headed people in our family.

It started with traveling down to Santa Maria to a softball tournament. I am a very superstitious and routine player. If I miss any routine in the morning my day is lost. We arrive early as usual, "thanks mom for that," and I notice I left my "lucky knee pad" at home. So of course, I wasn't going to play well. It got worse. First pitch into my glove in warmups and the pocket of my glove came out. Now I know, I'm cursed. In the midst of me freaking out, he found a glove somewhere said use this left and came back with a glove lacer and a new knee pad from Big 5. My day was already shot there's no way he could learn to lace a glove in 10 minutes and remove the curse from my new knee pad. But he handed me the glove at the start of the game and put an "Indian blessing on the knee pad". I had one of the best tournaments ever! Thanks dad for saving the day once again. I learned a lot that day. Always carry a lacer and for God's sakes check your bag 10 times for gear. Big 5 doesn't open until 10 on the weekends. Happy Birthday dad, thanks being the "MacGyver in the family".

*Dayna Sciocchetti (Tribal Communication Lead)*



## July Birthdays Continued

**12th)** Richard Francis Ojinaga was born just outside of Salinas, California. He is the son of Frances Salazar (Ojinaga) and Eddy Ojinaga and the grandson of Jose Dolores Salazar and Eliza Encinales (Salazar).

**20th)** Michael Montgomery Digges was born just outside of Salinas, California. He is the son of Gilbert Digges and Josephine Rossie (Digges) and the grandson of Charles Digges and Juanita Laguna (Digges).

**20th)** Victoria Griego was born in Salinas, California. She is the daughter of Frances Salazar (Griego) and Manuel Griego and the granddaughter of Jose Dolores Salazar and Eliza Encinales (Salazar).

**23rd)** Loraine Margaret Quinones (Brodnick) was born in San Luis Obispo, California. She is the daughter of Dorothy Margaret Castillo (Quinones) and Elmer Quinones and the granddaughter of Daniel Guadalupe Castillo and Margaret Smith (Castillo).

**31st)** George Rogers was born in Hollister, California. He is the son of Loretta Cecelia Silva (Rogers) and George Rogers Sr. and the grandson of Carmen Flores (Silva) and Thomas Edward Silva.

**If you have an elder birthday comming up, please send in a small article about them.**

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Summer Solstice 2020 happened with no traditional gathering of our people. Because of current guidelines encouraging social distancing, we celebrated in solitude and in spirit only, except for three siblings who brought their offspring and came together in honor of their father, an elder of the tribe who is facing health challenges. On the afternoon of the solstice, they climbed to another plane of existence, an alternate reality, symbolically represented by Le'samo (Morro Rock)

Here they experienced the awesome force of Mother Nature offering them to Father Sky as they reflected on their life together as a family, taking the time to acknowledge only the sounds and feelings of the wind and the sun, and the awesome 360' beauty before them

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Written by Shaunie Briggs

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### ***Notice to all Members***

If you have any changes regarding Name Changes - Marriages, Phone Numbers, Addresses or other pertinent information please send new and current information to the tribal office so we can update your information.

New event pictures and other information can be found on the tribal website.



# July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Happy Birthday Elder Gary Pierce	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 <b>Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm</b>	9	10	11
12 Happy Birthday Elder Richard Ojinaga	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Happy Birthday Elder Michael Digges Happy Birthday Elder Victoria Griego	21	22	23 Happy Birthday Elder Lorraine Brodnick	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Birthday Elder George Rodgers	1

Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month

**THERE ARE NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY TRIBAL EVENTS.**

**PLEASE USE INFO@SALINANTRIBE.COM TO EMAIL THE OFFICE**

**WE ONLY LIST THE BIRTHDAYS FOR TRIBAL ELDERS.**

**\* NO TRIBAL EVENTS IN JULY**

We have a new T-shirt design. It comes in black and gray. Prices are Youth size s-m \$12.00, Adult - sizes s-xl \$15.00 and 1xl-3xl \$20.00. New design can be viewed on the website. www.salinatribe.com

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# T'epot'aha'ul The People of the Salinan Tribe

REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY. 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.

