



T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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General Meeting

May General Meeting is May 18th, at the San Lorenzo County Park in King City from 12-3. If you would like to bring food please do so.

Council will provide the main dish. Bring sides, salad, drinks and desserts.

San Lorenzo County Park
1160 Broadway St. King City, CA 93930

The location at San Lorenzo Park has moved to Area B to accommodate a partial park closure.

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Summer Solstice 2024 belongs to you. What ideas do you have to make a better Solstice? How can you help? You can help by volunteering to watch the gate between 10 am and 8 pm, one or two hour shifts. Send ideas to the tribal office or call and leave a message.

Summer Solstice gates open at 10 am to 8 pm
12 noon ascenders gather
Fire, Fun, Food, Potluck

Thank You
Tribal Chair Bruce Flood
805-903-3089

Mark Your Calendar

The Annual Salinan Tribe BBQ and Trap Shoot Fundraiser

Date July 27th 2024

Will be held at the San Luis Sportsman Association
3270 Gilardi Road, San Luis Obispo, CA. Just off Hwy 1

\$100 Donation Includes: 2 Dinners

Entrance in the Opportunity
Drawing, Cash and Prizes

Dinner Only Ticket \$15 each

We will also be having the 50/50 Drawings



We will have tickets to pass out to council members for sale at the May meeting. We will also have Fundrasing Tickets at the May General Meeting for sale

Mission Days



I would like to express my gratitude to the Council and all tribal members who attended the annual Mission Days fundraiser at Mission San Antonio de Padua. The day was filled with beautiful spring weather, exciting demonstrations, informative tours and enjoyable moments spent with family and friends. I want to extend a huge thank you to my two outstanding assistants, Shaunie Briggs and Jessica Rodgers.

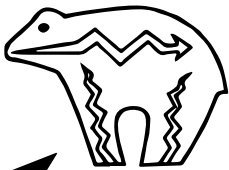
Their hard work and dedication, and support in educating the public about our Salinan family, the significance of indigenous people, and the environment were instrumental in the success of our Poppy Seed Bomb booth. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and thank you for creating another wonderful educational experience.

Submitted By: Mary Rodgers

Atascadero Springs Preserve Annual Educational Program

We have been participating in the educational program with the Atascadero Springs Preserve for the last 9 years. I have taken on the role of educating the students about our American Heritage. It is a fun and rewarding environment I enjoy when working with the children, while sharing our history. I would like to thank Les Montgomery for setting up the canopy and participating with this program.

Submitted by: Patti Dunton



BLM held a filming for a documentary for Native American Tribes at Carrizo Plain

BLM held a filming for a documentary for Native American Tribes and the importance of Carrizo Plain. Members Donald Pierce Jr, John Piatti and Joshua Cody attended representing the Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties. It was a magical and professional atmosphere. We were treated exceptionally well by the Department of Interior as well as the Department of Forestry. We made many new friends from other factions of the Salinan people and the Chumash as well.

We toured Painted Rock and discussed the Antelope population as well as other indigenous tribes from the area. We also discussed the Windmill project and other activities that impact these tribal areas.

Submitted By: Don Pierce Jr



Second Cross-Pacific Indigenous Exchange

Delegates from more than 22 indigenous groups with homeland connections to the Pacific Ocean recently participated in a conference hosted by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Monterey. The Second Cross-Pacific Indigenous Exchange (after a 2022 exchange was held in Neah Bay, WA) was hosted by the Esselen and Rumsen Homeland Peoples in Monterey and Seaside on April 8-10, with most of the event held on the Cal State Monterey Bay campus.

Representatives from native tribes, Pacific Islanders, and other indigenous people conferenced with government representatives from ONMS, NOAA, and specific sanctuary officials about the national program, its operational successes, what benefits future sanctuaries may bring, with some focus on the one being proposed for the section of the Central Coast to which our tribe belongs.

Overall, Salinan Tribe of Monterey & San Luis Obispo Counties representative, council member Robert Piatti, came away with three principle takes on the conference. It was a superior method of joining indigenous groups together in a shared voice, both toward the government agencies involved, and among people who have so much in common, tragic stories of loss, displacement, and survival. Almost all discussions were held with a direction of searching for ways to correct the wrong actions of the past, and maintain practices that allow us to protect our oceans and coasts. While seldom were unanimous voices found, the conference did come away with two fundamental points. First, when an indigenous group has an issue, we need to support each other in obtaining the solutions, without necessarily having to become part of the issue - i.e., native people leaderships need to be able to trust each other locally to do what is right for all. Secondly, if such groups are to trust the actions of governmental agencies in the same manner, it must be given in writing.

Whereas all actions and specifics from the conference were non-binding and made in good faith, it is of note that the five Chumash and three Salinan representatives in attendance met together over the proposed sanctuary on the Central Coast. All but one representative agreed that the proposed name for the sanctuary, if established, carrying the name of only one tribe is wrong, unacceptable, and must change.

"The Pacific connects us all," said Hawai'i delegate Solomon Kaho'ohalahala. A formal report is due to be published on the conference this summer, and the delegates agreed that holding future conferences would be beneficial to all.

Submitted By: Robert Piatti



General Meeting, San Lorenzo Park, King City Ca 93930

May 18, 2024

Old Business:

- A. Approve minutes from March 16,2024
- B. Federal Recognition update,
- C. Monitoring update, Robert Piatti
- D. Mission Days report, Mary Rodgers
- E. July Fundraiser, John Piatti
- F. Summer Solstice, Bruce Flood
- G. Salinan Flag: Submit Ideas

Financial Report:

- A. Bank Balances:

AGENDA

New Business:

- A. MLD report, Patti Dunton
- B. CA State Parks new signage reports
- C. TANF request for crafters and Advisory Board position.
- D. SLO Beaver Brigade and Central Coast Bioneers, New Salinas River Center and King City River signage.

Shandon Rest Stop Update

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Robert reported that there will be 3 graphic posters. The Serpent, Raven and Falcon legend and a third one focusing on our fauna and flora story that will be put on display.

Design Ideas for Tribal Flag

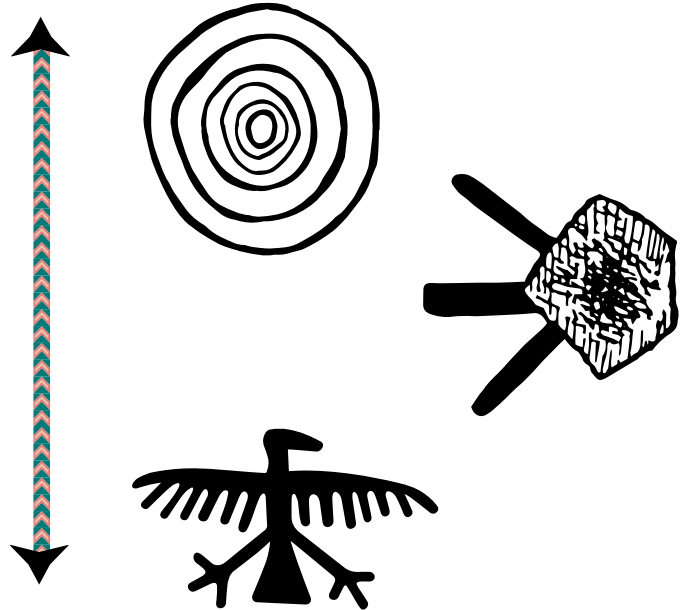
We need a design for a tribal flag, we are asking tribal members to submit a simple trade mark type of design. No text just a simple picture or pictures combined as one design. Ideally a line drawing or silhouette, one or two colors only. No photographs please. **Time for submission has been extended.**

The Council will bring the designs to the May 18th meeting and the July fundraiser for a vote like the seal was done.

Banish Fear from Your Life

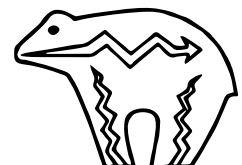
Fear stunts your soul and limits the amount of road needed to travel to reach the Tree of Life, and to know the Great Spirit. Fear is nonbeneficial and leads to an unbalanced mind, body, and spirit. To banish fear you must know your path and trust yourself --- and the world around you. With trust comes confidence. Self-confidence banishes fear.

I fear no man, and I depend on the Great Spirit.
---Kondiaronk, Huron, Late: 17th Century



We have a new T-Shirt design and it will be available at the general meetings it will also be on the website soon for viewing.

The following sizes are available,
Women's – Sm, Med, Lg
Men's – Sm, Med Lg, xLg, xxLg, xxxLg
We also have hooded sweatshirts



Passing of a Tribal Elder



Retta Antonia Pierce of the Toro Creek Indians left us on April 8, 2024. She was born on May 15, 1939, at the Mountain View Hospital in San Luis Obispo.

She was the great-great-granddaughter of Eusebio and Refugia Encinales of "The Indians" Ranch of the San Antonio Mission, and the granddaughter of Maria Antonia Bylon of the Toro Creek Indian Settlement just east of Morro Bay.

Retta was fun and full of energy. You always knew when she walked into the room. She had a look and presence about her that you couldn't miss. She was everyone's friend and especially to Geri, her older sister.

She was born to Les and Jean Pierce of Morro Bay, California and grew up on the Pierce Turkey Ranch in Creston. She had fond memories of birthdays, holidays, and staying up late with her family eating homemade tortillas made by her father's cousin Felicia Rosas when she would visit the ranch.

While growing up, one of her weaknesses was Ghirardelli chocolate. At that time, it came in a can with a pull top. She would always stick her finger in the can to get the chocolate out. Once when she was ten years old, she got her finger stuck and couldn't get it out of the can. She cried and cried until her father cut the can open to get her finger out. But she never lost the love of Ghirardelli chocolate, especially on vanilla ice cream with a spoon.

Later, Retta and her family would purchase a second home in San Luis Obispo where she graduated from San Luis Obispo High School. After graduation she landed a job working at KSBY. In time she moved to San Francisco and worked as a court reporter.

She had a life full of adventure. Her last husband was a commercial pilot. One of his routes took them to Hawaii. When she would fly with him to Hawaii, she would take her niece, Patti Gomez (Geri's daughter), with her. Their days were filled with either shopping at the trendiest stores or spending time on the beach eating pineapple while going to a luau.

She was last living in Prescott, Arizona. We will all miss her, and her stories of growing up with Geri and her family. She is survived by a daughter Kimberly, her sister, Geri, many nieces, nephews and cousins, and Patti Gomez, her niece, who helped take care of her at the end.

Submitted By: Micheal Woody

May 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|--|----------|--------|---------------------------------|
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm | 16 | 17 | 18 * General Meeting 12-3 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
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Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month

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

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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.



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