



Salinas Circle for Children

Celebrating 45 Years of Giving

December 2011

President's Message

A Look Back on 2011

How fast has the time flown?? It felt like yesterday we were saying hello to the year 2011 and now we are about to say goodbye to it. The saying does go, "How time flies by when you're having fun." And Salinas Circle sure can agree with that! Let's look back on the year together.

In February, we had our 1st Annual Bowling for a Cause. It was our first event that involved the kids. Everyone had a BLAST!! It was great to see support from our teachers and members and smiles on all the faces. We're hoping to have our 2nd annual in 2012.

In April, we threw a Girls Night Out get together that brought together a fun bunch of ladies at Portebellos. The evening brought games, laughter and a little more knowledge to others of what Salinas Circle for Children does for Monterey County.

In May, we held our Past and Present Member Luncheon at the Salinas Golf and Country Club. Salinas Circle members are like family and you were sure able to feel that in the room. The ladies were chatting and reminiscing throughout the day. It was extremely inspirational to listen to the past members and the love they have for Salinas Circle for Children. It encourages our present members to continue spreading that love into the community.

What happened next in the year 2011, believe it or not, we were already in full swing of preparing for our annual event. It always takes a while to organize and plan our events; however the new venue and the new theme took a bit longer than usual. But in the end, the result was worth it.

On October 2nd, Salinas Circle introduced Hula for Moola. And it was a HUGE success. The Amaral Barn was transformed into a tropical paradise while guests strolled around with their fresh leis and Blue Hawaiians in their hand; while they enjoyed Polynesian tunes and dancing. Guests were dazzled with the experience and look forward to Hula for Moola next year.

It was an exciting year for Salinas Circle. Our goal for 2011 was to raise \$45,000 for our 45th year of giving. And guess what?!!!!? We did it!! The year was spent introducing new ideas and stepping out of our comfort zone and it paid off in the end. I look forward to the new steps that Salinas Circle will make in 2012. I wish everyone a joyous holiday season filled with love and laughter and all the best in 2012.

Smiles,
Kelli

P.S. First meeting of the year is Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at Terri Jefferson's home. Please note Social starts at 6:00 PM. The business meeting will start promptly at 6:30 PM & end at 7:30 PM.



Get Inspired - Movie Selection by MJ Viglizzo

Want to learn and understand more about the population of children we serve? Are you curious about the benefits of adaptive equipment? Ever wonder what it might be like to live the life of a parent whose child has a disability? Have you ever thought about a typical child whose life changes because of an accident? If you answered yes to any of these questions then my movie pick is "Soul Surfer"

Rating: PG · Genre: Family, Drama · Run Time: 1 hrs 45 min

"Soul Surfer" is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, through her sheer determination and unwavering faith. In the wake of this life-changing event that took her arm and nearly her life, Bethany's feisty determination and steadfast beliefs spur her toward an adventurous comeback that gives her the grit to turn her loss into a gift for others. ...

2012 Executive Board Members

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that has."

Margaret Mead

The 2012 Executive Board Members will installed at the first meeting of the year.

Kelli Hemenway will be at the helm in a second term as President.

Alethea Leandro-Farr will be installed for her second term as 1st Vice President.

M.J. Viglizzo returns to the executive board as the 2nd Vice President.

Vickie Casacca comes back to the executive board as Secretary.

Tamara Schwartz will be installed for a second term as Treasurer.

2012 will be another exciting year with this experienced leadership team.



WANTED - 10 New Active Members...



...to join Salinas Circle for Children over the next 10 weeks.

Looking for enthusiastic, energetic, excited, passionate for a cause, not afraid to get involved kind of people that will support the mission of SCFC.

Experience not required, Need ten new active members with a variety of

skills, including but not limited to those with a good sense of humor, computer skills, creative mind, likes to have fun and is not afraid to get their hands dirty.

If someone you know fits this description bring them to the next meeting so they can get involved.

Birdies for Charity 15% Match FUNdraiser

What is Birdies for Charity?

Birdies for Charity is an exciting way to stretch your donation dollars to the charity of your choice. All donations are matched by **15%**. Over **\$725,000** has been raised and distributed to participating charities.



How to Donate

Complete the Official Pledge Form. Similar to a walk-a-thon, pledge one cent or more per birdie scored by PGA TOUR players during the competitive rounds of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, February 9-12, 2012. For example, if you pledge one cent (.01) and 2000 birdies are scored, you would owe \$20. Monterey Peninsula Foundation (MPF) will invoice you for the amount you owe.

OR, if you prefer, you can make a flat donation with a check made payable to MPF. In addition, online donations are accepted at attpbgolf.com.

15% Match

MPF will provide an additional 15% match to all donations made through Birdies for Charity. The charity will actually receive **115%** of funds collected.

Guess the Birdies Contest

Each donor has the opportunity to guess the number of birdies that will be scored during the tournament. (See Step 4 of Pledge Form.) The person who guesses correctly will win the Grand Prize of two United Airline tickets (up to \$500 each) and one night stay at The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, and golf for two at The Links at Spanish Bay. **Hint:** Total birdies scored at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

Year Birdies Year Birdies

2011 1,798 2009 1,755

2010 1,865 2008 1,852

In golf, a "birdie" is a score of one stroke better than par for any golf hole. For Contest Rules, visit attpbgolf.com.

Contact
M.J. Viglizzo for
Pledge Forms or
more
information on
how SCFC
participates in
this fundraising
program.

Shouting Out Birthday Wishes To December & January Babies

Terri Jefferson
 Felicia Perez
 Alethea Leandro-Farr
 Michele Maconachy
 Deborah Mendoza
 Barbara Creelman
 Julie Ann Lozano
 Annette Romero



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2012 Meeting Schedule

January 3, 2012
February 7, 2012
March 6, 2012
April 3, 2012
May 1, 2012
June 5, 2012
July & August TBD
September 4, 2012
October 2, 2012
November 6, 2012
December 1, 2012

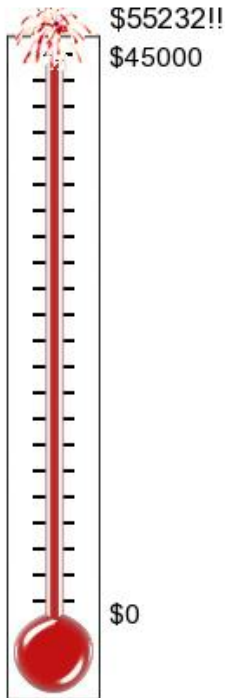
Meeting starts promptly at
6:30 PM.



Over the past 41 years Salinas Circle for Children has raised and given more than \$510,000 to programs that are essential to the development of children with special needs in Monterey County.

The purpose of the Salinas Circle for Children is to raise and provide funds, and to perform needed services, to assist children with physical, mental, or emotional needs in Monterey County.

Our mission is to provide the tools and support needed so that they may thrive in their living and learning environments.



Thank you!



For helping us reach our goal
of \$45,000 for our 45th year!!!