



Salinas Circle for Children

March 2011 Newsletter

*****President's Message*****

There has been so much accomplished in such a short month! We held our first "Bowl for a Cause" on Saturday February 26th at Valley Center Bowl. It was a SUCCESS !! There were 106 bowlers who had a good ole' time while supporting Salinas Circle for Children.

It was a blast and it was great to see families and children with special needs from all around Monterey County. Thank you Valley Center Bowl and a special thank you to Peter Casacca, assistant manager, who suggested the event. Another thank you goes to the hard working Salinas Circle members; Kathy, Carolyn and Vickie; who helped put the event together. To those of you who came out and supported the day, thank you for not only making Salinas Circle a great organization but a community as well.

This was a great start to raising our goal of \$45,000 in our 45th year!! Salinas Circle for Children has set many goals for 2011. One that is going on right now is our 10 in 10 campaign. This is to gain 10 new active members in 10 weeks. We are already on week four and the 10 weeks will be gone before we know it. If you have a friend you think would be a great fit in our organization please bring them to one of our monthly meetings. It's a great opportunity to meet our members and get a feel for what we do. Just ask... You never know what one might say until they're asked. We look forward to the completion of our membership drive and the upcoming Membership Mixer.

You may be familiar with the terms "Go Green" and "Go Red," so I would like to introduce you to "Go Blue." For every Friday in March 2011, The Academy of Special Dreams (Pasadena, CA.) is asking you to wear blue to help bring awareness for artists in the Special Needs Community. "Go Blue for Special Needs Awareness is just one small step toward building a society that someday will never discriminate against a person on the basis of disability in any aspect of life." To read more about this, go to facebook.com/specialacademy or specialacademy.org.

The small steps we take in life, the bigger dreams we can create.

Smiles,
Kelli

Meet.... **Todd Tostado, Artist**



Hello, my name is Todd Tostado. As a child I enjoyed drawing. However, due to SMA by the time I was a teenager I had lost the ability to use my arms and hands, and thus lost the ability to draw. Then during my senior year of high school my parents bought me my first computer. And within the word processor I discovered a basic drawing program, and was immediately hooked. Suddenly I regained the ability to draw! In fact I was so hooked that I've devoted my college education to graphic design with an emphasis on computer graphics. Through education I've learned to use a wide variety of industry standard graphic software programs, and in the process prepared myself for a future in the graphics arts industry.

Though graphic design software is designed for commercial use, I prefer using it to create works of fine art. Over the last decade I have become more and more interested in 3D modeling and animation software, and now use combination with the design software to create art in various styles. Through my art I'm able to express my thoughts and feelings concerning the world I live in, and the people in my life. My art also gives me independence as if it's something that I can do without assistance from anyone. In fact it's one of the few things in my life that I have complete control over. For when I'm working on a piece of art I'm able to forget that I am disabled, as in actuality I am using the same tools as everyone else. Thus, through my art I am at last equal to all others, but of course I still maintain my own personal and unique viewpoint.

If you want to support this artist please visit Todd Tostado's galleries at:

<http://www.facelessimages.com/>

*******Meeting Notice*******

Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00pm

Tamara's house: 22261 Toro Hills Dr. Salinas Ca. 93908 (see directions below)

Remember your secret pal. Active members, if you cannot attend the meeting, please notify Teresa 809-4413 or Kelli 206-1883.

Directions to meeting place: Salinas (Toro area, just before the little shopping center)
Coming from Salinas: Take Highway 68 Take the Portola Drive Exit Turn Left onto Portola Take 1st Right onto Toro Hills Ave Take 1st Left onto Toro Hills Drive Home is on the left



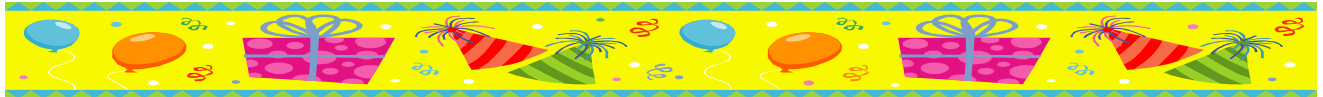
*******Happy Birthday*******

MARCH

Carolyn Sanders

Debi Vierra

Diana O'Mary



*******Membership*******

It's the time to pay your Membership Dues.

Active dues are \$30.00, Associate dues are \$40.00, Sustaining dues are \$50.00

Remember, we pay our dues through **Birdies for Charity** in order to receive a 15% match on our funds. Please send your check made out to: **Monterey Peninsula Foundation** and write Salinas Circle for Children in the memo line, along with the membership application.



Salinas Circle for Children Membership Application

- _____ **Active,** \$30.00 per calendar year
I am interested in Active Membership and plan to attend meetings and will participate in planning and implementing fundraising activities.
- _____ **Associate,** \$40.00 per calendar year
I was an Active Member for a minimum of 5 years and will continue to assist with fundraising activities.
- _____ **Sustaining,** \$50.00 per calendar year
I am interested in supporting Salinas Circle for Children financially without obligation to participate in any activities.

Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Work#: _____

Email: _____

Birth - Month & Day: _____

Member Since: _____ (if you know the year)

Please indicate how you would like to receive information regarding meetings, etc.

Email: _____ Phone: home _____ cell _____ work _____ US Mail: _____

Please mail completed form along with payment to:

Membership Chair
Salinas Circle for Children
P. O. Box 2064
Salinas, CA 93902

Please join, we
need your help.
Thank you!



**** Hostesses for 2011 Meetings****

February:	Alethea & M.J.	Leandro-Farr Home
March:	Tamara & Teresa	Schwartz Home
April:	Michele & Ginny	TBD
May:	Alethea & Paula	Taylor Home
June/July:	Summer Social, suggestions welcome	
August:	Pre-event, details to follow	
September:	volunteers needed	TBD
October:	Trish & Vickie	TBD
November:	Carolyn & Elaine	TBD
December:	Holiday Party/Installation of Officers, suggestions welcome	



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Salinas Circle for Children

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 they may thrive in their living and learning environments.



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Salinas Circle for Children is looking for fun-loving, hard-working volunteers to help us in fulfilling our mission.

Please come and see how you can assist us in helping the children with special needs of Monterey County.

If not you....then who?