



Salinas Circle for Children

February 2016 Newsletter

President's Message

March Meeting Notice

Tuesday
March 1, 2016
6:30pm

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**Don't
forget your
secret pal**

We are already two months in to 2016 and our 50th year and we have a lot going on. First I want to congratulate the new slate of officers, Terri Dye - 1st Vice-President, Kelli Hemenway - 2nd Vice-President, Katrina Halcon - Secretary and Bess Pieracci - Treasurer and I want to give a big thank you to all of our Committee Chairs for this year, Terri Dye - Discretionary, Diana Lee - Membership, Maribel Ferreira - Hospitality, Terri Jefferson - Sunshine, Carolyn Sanders - Special Events/Secret Pals and Paula Taylor - Communications. I want to also welcome our new members Michelle Bodily and Robert Cole. Please continue to bring potential members to our meetings, everyone is always welcome and we are going to need plenty of help this year. Although our Chalk in the Park fund raiser is taking a hiatus this year, it will be back in 2017. Our main focus, for this year, will be our 50th Anniversary Celebration. The event will be held Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the lovely Corral de Tierra Country Club and will include a fantastic Rat Pack Tribute Show, dinner, auctions and lots of fun, where we will raise the much needed funds to give to our special needs children in Monterey County. Please tell all your friends to "Save the Date" and join us for this special celebration. We are still in the preliminary planning stages, but Paula Taylor, Tamara Schwartz, Kathy Hemenway and Kelli Hemenway are leading the way to create a fabulous event. We will have more information to report at our next general meeting, which will be Tuesday, March 1, so remember to bring along a couple of friends. Also don't forget your Secret Pals during the year, I know mine has been treating me well.

See you at the next meeting,

Vickie



happy birthday to you!!

January 17th: Dawn

February 18th: Katrina

Save the Date

Puttin' on the Glitz

A 50th Anniversary Celebration for Salinas Circle for Children



*Saturday, September 17, 2016
Corral de Tierra Country Club*

Recipe of the Month

Chocolate Raspberry Pretzel Bites

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Place the pretzels on an ungreased cookie sheet. Place a Raspberry Hug on top of each pretzel.
3. Bake the pretzels for 2-3 minutes or until the chocolate softens.
Once you remove from the oven gently place a M&M on top of the Raspberry Hug. Then cool and serve.

Ingredients

- *Small twisted pretzels
- *Hershey Raspberry Hugs
(any Hershey Hugs will do)
- *Valentine Colored M&M's
(can be modified for any season)

~Time to Smile~



Tyler Nunnery is like most high school students — he loves band, acting in drama and sports, and is able to remember any possible statistic or score when asked. Tyler also has autism, which can make a teen's formative years, which are a challenge for anyone, even harder. Yet, the popular and busy student had classmates who wanted to spring a special surprise on him, of crowning him homecoming king

"The kids really wanted to do it for him," Truman Principal Melissa Skopczynski said. "Tyler is a great kid. The kids just love him. This was totally student driven and they wanted him on the court and to be king."

His mother, Rhonda, said the other boys on the court had vowed that if any of them won the vote, they would hand their cape and crown to Tyler because, they said, "He deserved it."

As it turned out, Tyler didn't need the assist after all. He carried the popular vote and defeated the football and basketball players also on the court. Tyler, who had told everyone he was honored just to be on the court, said he was shocked at the announcement. "I was very surprised," he said. "It was a blast being up there. I just prayed about it and kept it in the good Lord's hands. If I didn't win, I would have respected anyone else who did because they're my friends. "It was wonderful. I got to wear a crown and a cape. It was amazing."

Tyler is on the varsity band, the marching band and in drama while carrying a 2.7 GPA, which his mother, Rhonda, and his father, Chuck, says he works hard at. While Tyler is independent and self-sufficient now, his mother said, she remembers a time when the going was much rougher.

“At 5 years of age, he did not speak,” she said. “It was with the power of prayer that he has (come this far). I had to help him with his homework in ninth grade, but I haven’t had to help him since. He has earned his 2.7 himself.” Besides playing trumpet and pit percussion, Tyler loves to work on sets and behind the scenes for drama. As a senior, he also is a member of Link Crew, which partners upperclassmen with an incoming freshman for the year to show the younger students the ropes and help them acclimate.

Tyler is known for making a big impression, and not just because he’s 6 feet 5 inches tall. His mother said his kindness and friendliness are what help make him so well-liked.

Skopczynski said that when he is in school, Tyler is “really kind and caring ... meets you every day and greets you.” “I was really proud of our kids,” she said. “It was nothing the adults did. Tyler won it fair and square.” His mother said that after Tyler found out he was king, he was smiling “from ear to ear” as girls on the court ran up to hug him and guys high-fived him. On Saturday, he and the homecoming queen, Kristen, danced at homecoming.

“It was just an amazing thing that these children have it in their hearts to be selfless and considerate and accept him for who he is,” Tyler’s mother said. “Tyler said, ‘Thank you for voting for me even though I have autism.’ Someone told him, ‘Tyler we don’t look at you as having a disability or autism.’

“When it comes down to it, the students at Truman love each other for who they are.”



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