

Pioneers in the exchange



Salinas was opened to Europe through youth

The exchange program with youth developed in Salinas European Hungary, Latvia and Greece was a complete success. This pioneering activity in the province, and subsidized by the European Union, has attracted interest from other municipalities and public entities.

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The stand of Salinas, one of the most visited at the Fair



Following the general tone of this 15th edition of the County Fair in Villena, it saw an increased number of visitors to our stand, who received information on our food and detailed information about our heritage. The stand from Salinas

saw hundreds of visitors from the village and visitors accompanied by the councillor of Agriculture, the Neighbour's Association, the winery Finca Collado and the winery Sierra de Cabreras. The main points of interest for the visitors were the walking routes through the Sierra of Salinas, the Salt Lake and our food.

Rally for Animal Rights

A protest was held in our village, The first Rally for Animal Rights. Lead by Ute Kaiser and Esther Esquembre who were invited to the Rally who were pleasantly surprised by the sensitivity of the people in a village as small as Salinas. The rally started in the Main Square near the Town Hall and went through the streets of the village and from the Square San Isidro descended to the Municipal Centre where different performances took place with dogs trained to work with disabled people. There was also advice on the laws of Animal Rights that are in effect at the moment.



The freeing of birds in Salinas by the Centre of Animal Recovery



Organized by the Heliac Group of Monóvar, this freeing of birds, mainly kestrels, owls and a Real Owl, took place in an important forest area called The Rambla of Garrincho, a recognized spot for the protection of birds. The naturalists checked that the area had enough resources, like food and a suitable habitat for the development of these birds, some of which had been born in captivity and others, like the Real Owl, had suffered an accident and recovered enough to be released into the wild.

The Coronation of the Queen of the pensioners, an unforgettable day

The coronation of the Queen of the pensioners was held by the Association of Pensioners and Retired people of Salinas UDP and with the collaboration of the Town Hall.



The celebration, which had its 14th anniversary, was held in a summery atmosphere and was attended by the Queens, Dames and Presidents of the neighbouring villages of Algueña, La Romana, Monóvar, Pinoso, Hondón de las Nieves, Elda and Sax. In a moving performance celebrated in the Municipal Auditorium the retiring Queen Alicia Izquierdo, presented the crown to Lucía Bernabé who will reign for the next 12 months and will represent Salinas in the UDP celebrations held in Benidorm. This year the celebration was joined by The Territorial Director of Social Action and Pensioners in the Valencian Community, Pilar Albert, the President and Secretary of the UDP, Marisa Giménez and Alberto Oliver, respectively.

The Town Hall have introduced a new service to collect used domestic oil

Salinas Town Hall have introduced, with the help of a specialized company that is authorized by the Valencian authorities, a point of collection for used domestic oil. The new service has no charge for the Town Hall nor for its users. This action will help to conserve the environment and complies with the law for the recollection and reuse of waste products, ensuring that the waste oil isn't thrown down the waste pipes.



The Town Hall increases the service of Home Help by employing four more people for the next three months

During the last three months of 2010, Salinas Town Hall have increased the Social Services department employing 4 people to help with care in the home. Thanks to the inversion of funds that are reserved for the Town Hall by the government, (Plan E), four unemployed people in the village have been taken on to help in this area that is much in demand in the village. This will mean 2,000 extra hours of attention for the users of this service and their families. The Town Hall calculate that this service will be used by some

80 people in the village every day of the week.

The programme has a double function, on one side it gives a break to the families of the dependent person, accompanying the person in need when the family has to be away from the home. On the other hand offering a home help service for the people who need help in their daily life to do the everyday chores.

This service covers Monday to Sunday, according to the needs of the person seeking help. Anyone can put their



name down at the Social Services office in the Main Square in Salinas. This service has the collaboration of the Social Services department and SERVEF, who offer training for the Young students in the village.

The mayor of Salinas took part in the first Congress of Small Town Councils

Salinas has taken part, through the mayor, Isidro Monzó, in the first Congress of Small Town Councils, organized by the Federation for Small Town Councils, that was celebrated in Toledo during the last two weeks of September. During the meeting they introduced a series of conclusions. Among these, that small Spanish town councils can enjoy better treatment and respect from the Provincial Government. The small Town Councils are joining toge-

ther to form an Alliance. This agreement will be presented in the Declaration in Toledo, where more than 500 Mayors and Town Councillors from rural villages attended the Congress.



The Town Hall invest 14,000 € to improve the school

The Town Hall have invested 14,000€ to improve the local school Virgen del Rosario. They have concentrated on improving the building by replastering the walls, changing doors and windows that had deteriorated, improving the fencing to better the security of the children, the installation of air conditioning and repairing leaks etc.



Health centre in Sax is now open for medical emergencies

The new Health centre is now open in Sax. It is situated in the new building by the roundabout in Reyes Católicos street. Therefore, the old Health centre in Argentina street has now closed. After the finalization of

the new building, the new Health centre is open for emergencies for the population of Sax and Salinas between 3pm and 8am and 24 hours on holidays.



Five youngsters participate in the new programme for the promotion of training

The Town Hall with a grant of 100,000€ from SERVEF, have initiated a work shop for people under the age of 25 or adults with a disability that have had no training. It's a question of organizing training for this sector of the population, that has one of the highest unemployment figures. There will be a workshop of 900 hours, 300 of these will be training in the maintenance and reparation of buildings, gaining knowledge of building, plumbing, electricity and gardening. Also they will be taught basic education, computer studies and have a course on accidents in work. Fifteen people from the area will participate in this programme which will take place in one of the workshops in the Molineta street and the landscape gardening in the Municipal Auditorium.

With this programme practical training will be given, helping to prepare participants for the work place, thanks to the existing different companies in the vicinity. The Town Hall predicts to find work for 30% or more of the participants in the future.



The council provides a gym for the Pensioner's Club

The Pensioner's Club of Salinas (UDP) have just used, for the first time, a new gym in their premises in the village. The new equipment has been possible thanks to a grant of 3,000 euros from the council of Alicante who

have acquired a collection of machines suitable for elderly people to practise exercise. The UDP have at the moment some 200 members. The president, Matías Monzó, has highlighted this welcome gym that is being enjoyed by

the members saying, "The truth is that it has been good judgement to put this new service into play because many people wanted it and it is getting a lot of use." He is now thinking of increasing the amount of exercise equipment.



Success for Salinas in the Exchange of European students

The exchange of students from Hungary, Letonia and Greece in Salinas proved very successful. In such that numerous communities , like public institutions have shown interest in learning more in detail about the experiences that were financed by funds from the European Union.

Nine students, from each of the participating countries in the exchange arrived in Salinas the last two weeks of September and stayed one week with another ten youngsters and two monitors from the village, in Casa Calpena. The objective was to exchange information about culture, language, the environment and the food by way of discussions. The experience was a lot more useful. The youngsters from the other countries had the opportunity to get to know Salinas and some of the discussions were aimed at our province, like the museum MARQ in Alicante, the wine making process and our countryside. For the youngsters from Salinas it was an unforgettable experience and it gave all the students the opportunity to practise their English, as their native languages were very different. Apart from those from Salinas, for whom this was the first experience of this kind, many of the participants from the other countries are now accustomed to this type of exchange. "One of the things that we most enjoyed taking part in this activity, was staying at Casa Calpena on the outskirts of the village, where we made friends and it wasn't long before we felt that we had known each other all our life", said Vicente, one of the Spanish who also commented that they were surprised at the level of English from the visiting groups. It's a language that nowadays is very important for anyone in the professional world. For her part Zaira, also a monitor, concluded that it had been a very intense week saying that they had slept very little because they all got up early every day in order to spend the maximum time together. The or-



ganizers the Youth Council, together with the company Entérate, put together a multitude of activities. One of these, being that, every night was dedicated to a different country and the participants from this country had to, with the aid of videos, songs and dances explain the things most important for them about their country of origin. Andrea, a monitor from the Hungarian group, said that she loved the frien-

dliness of the people from Salinas and that she was very attracted to things that we take for granted like the palm trees, the olive trees and the food : paella, Spanish omelette and the variety of fruit available to us. Next year in April the youngsters

from Salinas will travel to Greece or Hungary and repeat this exchange of students in one of these countries.



The first vice president of the County Council closed the ceremony of the Exchange

The first vice president of Alicante Council, M.^a Carmen Jiménez, and the Youth Councillor for the area, M.^a Asunción Prieto, attended the closing ceremony along with the Mayor, Isidro Monzó, and the Youth Town Councillor, Joaquín Marco.

The ceremony took place in Casa Calpena. Representatives from all the visiting countries emphasized

the importance of this Exchange. "In a global world and a crisis that we find ourselves in, we realise that the youngsters have bigger difficulties and exchanges like this help them to learn other facts", explained one of the monitors. The vice president referred to the youngsters as "the hope for a better future" and "the strength and initiative" needed for society to advance. The Youth

Councillor, for his part, said that for once the government had done something for the youngsters, initiating activities that were useful, who worked together with the recently formed Youth Association, La Laguna, that the youngsters from the village initiated. Lastly the Mayor, Isidro Monzó asked the visiting youngsters to talk about Salinas in their own countries.



Interest in the province for the initiative of Salinas

The team that developed the project for the exchange of youngsters from Europe that took place in Salinas along with Joaquín Marco, the Youth Councillor at the head of the project, were invited to develop a speech explaining the en-

terprise that has been very valuable. The account took place in the educational paper "Alican'Teen Europe: Elabora tu proyecto" that was organized by the Council of Alicante and in which participated technicians and youth councillors from all over the province of Alicante. The programme "Alican'Teen Europe" gives basic knowledge to different local enterprises in the province on what possibili-

ties are available in the local development of politics for the youngsters by the European Union.



The Town Hall expresses the opinion of the villagers for a possible tribute to Eduardo Pérez and Joaquín Calatayud

Salinas Town Hall are considering the possibility of paying tribute to two people who were instrumental in the development of the village at the end of last century. They are talking about Eduardo Pérez and Joaquín Calatayud. Even though they weren't born in Salinas, their extraordinary work can still be seen in many corners

of the village and in the memories of the people that knew them. The Town Hall want to express the gratitude of all the villagers by asking them to fill in a questionnaire, in which the people of Salinas can decide which building they would like to put the names of the two men to be celebrated on, from a choice of three for each one.

Eduardo Pérez Gutiérrez

Lawyer and benefactor

Eduardo Pérez Gutiérrez, was born in Monóvar in the year 1883 although a big part of his life was spent in Salinas, where his family had two big working farms. He was married with no children. He was a benefactor because many of his properties were donated to the Town Hall to be enjoyed by the village. On the land that he owned the Sports Hall and other sports complex have been built.



Also the Pensioner's house, the Polivalente and Casa Calpena amongst others. "He was the first to split up his land and sell it to the workers at an affordable price and an easy way to pay" remembers Luis Díez, who started working for him as a child. Another important work was the building of the channel from Salinas to his farm El Puntal to carry water 3,5 kms transforming a dry area into an irrigated area.

This work was carried out at the end of the 1940s, post war period. No machinery was used, it was all done by hand, so as to give more work to the people in a time of hunger. "As a result, this work gave food to a lot of people", commented Luis. "He was a good person who had a vision ahead of his time", said one of his neighbours who knew him well.

Joaquín Calatayud Sanjuán

Doctor, musician and Mayor of Salinas

He was born in 1907 in Seville and died in Madrid at the age of 90. He was a doctor, musician, screenwriter of plays, inventor ...very versatile. The history of Salinas at the end of the last century can't be told without mentioning this great humanitarian who brought quality of life and enriched the life of this small village that had a population



of less than 1,000 habitants. In 1935 he came to Salinas as the doctor and in a short time he married his cousin Dolores Calatayud, a piano teacher, who taught in Las Casas del Señor until she found a place in the school in Salinas. If medicine was his vocation, music and literature were his grand passion. With the pseudonym Renato d'Avigni, he wrote, composed and directed. During his time in Salinas, as well as directing, he was the organist in the church. He composed hymns to the Virgin Rosario and to San Antonio. He also composed a work that took him 40 years to complete. His time in office as the Mayor was spent in constructing houses for the poor, better known as "his houses of paper", introducing a new sewer system, building a clinic that was advanced in technology for it had an X-ray machine, which wasn't available to some bigger villages. One of his less known talents was as an inventor, but not because it was of less importance. His son Alberto remembers that Salinas was always on his father's mind. "He died wanting to return, and said to me "Take me round Salinas in the car"". This was his last wish but it couldn't be carried out because he was so weak.

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- ☐ Polideportivo Eduardo Pérez
- ☐ Casa de Cultura Eduardo Pérez
- ☐ Centro Polivalente Eduardo Pérez

- ☐ Centro de Salud Dr. Joaquín Calatayud
- ☐ Banda M. de Música Joaquín Calatayud
- ☐ Edificio Multiusos Joaquín Calatayud

New court for practising Padel

The Town Hall has built a new padel court due to the big demand in the village to practise the sport. Since it was finished double the number of participants have made use of this court in the last championships and the local league. With the construction of the new court, which cost 25,000€, and was financed by the second Plan E, a part of the government that are concerned with the well-being of the people of Salinas and have, over the last few months, invested money in building new dressing rooms at a cost of 40.000 €. The Town Hall is now working on a project to construct a gym in the sports hall which is hoped to cover all the sporting needs of the village.



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Rincones de Luz, a suggestive proposal for personal development

This house that has been converted into the place for business, professional, social and personal training, is in the province of Alicante, and is situated on the outskirts of Salinas. At the front of this ambitious Enterprise are Luz Fabregat and Ramón ¿?, who have initiated this Project after an extensive path in training, development and giving advice to people and businesses. After much searching, they found an attractive house on the outskirts of Salinas and have completely remodelled it.



Surrounded by trees, nature and a sense of peace and tranquillity, they have designed various programmes in different fields. One of the most important of these, is the programme LEAR (liderazgo de alto rendimiento), a school of leaders who want to train professionals and executives in efficient management. They also offer services of Strategic Consultation, Human Resources and Organisation, Professional Coaching, Commercial Advice Training; Trai-

ning for Entrepreneurs and a large agenda creating an atmosphere for social get-togethers, working breakfasts etc. As well as programmes for Parent Schooling, Guidance, Individual Education, therapy and integration, the Rincones de Luz (Corners of light) offer massage, colour therapy, music therapy, stress management, etc. It's difficult to put into words all that this interesting enterprise offers. More information can be found on the web:

www.rinconesdeluz.es.



forthcoming events

AGENDA FOR UPDATES

■ **Saturday, October 23.** 20 h. Municipal Auditorium. Action Lazhar Cherouana,

first prize in the International Classical Guitar "José Tomás" Petrer 2010.

■ **Saturday 20 and Sunday 21, November.** MIDYEAR festive.

■ **Friday, 26 Saturday, 27 November.** Feast of Santa Cecilia/Day of Music.

■ **Sunday, November 14.** FESTIVAL OF NATIONS.