

# Mori Family International Newsletter

## #10, October 2016

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### **New registration certificate Mori Family International**

After being canceled in 2014 as a non-profit organization, the Mori Family International organization, was again reinstated last September 13, 2016 in the Registry of the Department of State of Puerto Rico. The first Incorporation dated from 1997. Because the organization was legally inactivated, it could not use the same name. Thus, the change to *Familia Mori Internacional (FMI), Inc.*

This will be the new legal name of the organization. Copy of the certificate was delivered to the officers appearing as registrars in the process of the new incorporation. These are Angel A. Rodriguez Mori, Vice President, Andrés Mori Caraballo, Treasurer, Andy Mori, Secretary and Bienvenido Caraballo Mori, President. Caraballo Mori informed that from now on we must meet the stipulations in the law as to making the required reports.

### **The Board reports...**

At its regular meeting on Sunday, October 2, at the home of Tony and Lucy Sepulveda Mori in Juana Diaz, the Board considered and / or approved the following matters:

- Evaluation of Annual Meeting No. 22 -. This included assessment of the local Rotary Club, difficulties with promotion in the local newspaper, the delay in the beginning of the activity, the work accomplished by the temporary committee for the Annual Meeting, work on the registration and annual fee collection tables, quality of lunch served, the musical performance and the background music.
- Treasurer's Report - was supposed to be made at the Annual Meeting, but for reasons of time, was not done. The essential part the report appears in this bulletin on page 2.
- The place for the meetings of the Board of Directors - the desirability of having a fixed place for meetings was discussed. There are many places under consideration.
- Expenses for lunch in meetings – it was discussed that this involves an expense for the hosts and other alternatives to this are considered.
- The incorporation of our Organization - the organization is newly incorporated. See details in column 1 to the left.
- Place for the Christmas (Octavitas) activity – it will be on January 8, 2017 but the place has not yet been confirmed. Efforts are made to use the Community Center of El Naranjo in Yauco.
- Visit to Peñuelas - this visit to Mori relatives is pending on the coordination of a suitable date.
- Registration of signature of the Treasurer - the registration of the signing of the new treasurer is pending and must be coordinated.
- Next meeting – it was proposed and agreed to be held on Sunday 13 November 2016; efforts are made to use the Community Center of El Naranjo in Yauco.

As always, we enjoyed a delicious lunch and sharing among board members and other relatives who joined us.

### **What's new on the Mori Family International's webpage?**

- Review, photos and video of Annual Meeting # 22 in Yauco.
- The English texts of the newsletters of September and October.
- Documents produced by Board for the Annual Meeting.
- New section: *Leave your comments*

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### Upcoming events of the Mori Family International:

- Visits by the visiting committee continued in order to contact unidentified or little known members of the Mori Family. Four groups have been formed for this purposed in different areas throughout the Island:
  - Metro area and other towns (supervised by: B. Caraballo Mori)
  - Southern Region 1 – Ponce, Villalba and other towns (supervised by: Tony Mori)
  - Southern Region 2 – Yauco and other towns (supervised by: Livia R. Ortiz Mori – Kelly)
  - Western Region – Mayagüez and other towns (supervised by: Andresito and Eva Mori)
- The Octavitas Get Together that will be on Sunday January 8, 2017. The place and time will be notified soon.

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### Financial report of income and expenses of Mori Family International (2015-2016)

The information presented here is based on the report prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting # 22 held on 4 September 2016. As noted on page 1, it could not be submitted for reasons of time. The report was reviewed in the Board meeting held on October 2 to include expenses incurred in holding the annual meeting.

As reflected in the table below, there was an improvement in revenues in 2016 compared to 2015. Although collection of the 2016 annual dues (\$ 1,130.00) improved by 73%, the improvement is also due to the increased (100%) cash donations received and as well as revenue by selling the Mori T-shirts. This caused a revenue increase - as shown in the table - of 94% as compared to the previous year.

The expenses for the year also increased by 18% mainly in financing activities held by the organization such as the Annual Meeting and the Octavitas Get Together. Expenses incurred for holding Annual Meeting # 22 amounted to \$ 2.205. These included the fee for the use of Rotary Club facilities, the expenses for lunch, materials, musical sound activity and other expenses. This amount represented an increase of 60% from the previous meeting.

It is important to note, however, that other donations received are not reflected in the table as they were not received in cash but instead as direct payments to businesses that provided services or products purchased. These amount to \$3009.76 and these expenses include: monthly bulletins until August 2016 (\$1293.85), Special Bulletin for Annual Meeting #22, including postage (\$ 271.20), printing the document of amendments to the rules of the organization (\$ 696.88), printing application for membership (\$ 89.20), production of T-shirts (\$ 591.73) and printing of the 9/27/16 thank-you letters (\$ 66.90). The cost of publication of the Internet is also not included.

It is also important to note that the data referring to 2015 refers to the entire year while that of 2016 is until October2.

Summary of Incomes and Expenses	Year 2015	Year 2016	Variance	%
Cooperativa Initial Balance	\$1,512.30	\$ 990.03	\$- 522.27	-35%
Incomes	\$1,357.73	\$2,668.07	\$1,310.34	94%
<b>Total Funds available</b>	<b>\$2,870.03</b>	<b>\$3,658.10</b>	<b>\$788.07</b>	<b>26%</b>
Less: Expenditure for the year	1,880.00	2,224.43	\$344.43	18%
<b>End Balance at the Cooperativa</b>	<b>\$ 990.03</b>	<b>\$1,433.67</b>	<b>\$443.64</b>	<b>41%</b>

### The historic corner – Biographical information of the Patriarch Ignacio Francisco Mori Romani (1828-1894) - 4\*

9. Justa Mori told us: "The following day after Grandfather Ignacio found Julian Pietri, Julian sent his workers with mules to move Ignacio Mori to his plantation." The coffee plantation was located in the Naranjo ward of Yauco. While he was working for Julian, he met Maria del Carmen Roman Galarza. Maria Inés Mori, Ignacio's granddaughter told us: "My grandfather met a young lady named Carmen. They became in love and later they were married."

10. Mori Romani-Roman Galarza marriage. "Ignacio and Carmen got married. From this marriage, thirteen children were born. Their first daughter was Cleonta, who was born in 1865. The second was a boy, Francisco Antonio, his nickname was Cheché," according to his granddaughter Justa. He was born in 1867, the first Mori male born in Yauco. The last child was Virginia.
11. Ignacio Mori Romani's coffee plantations - Rate Mori, the granddaughter of Cheché and Paula Caraballo Feliciano, told us: "Ignacio bought his first coffee plantation located near the Quebrada Grande ("quebrada" is a small river or creek). It was also located right next to Lorenzo Torres's farm. After a time, Ignacio sold this farm to Ramón Ruiz Montes." Then, Ignacio Mori bought another coffee plantation located in what is today the Llano de Mori site. He bought it from Lorenzo Torres, my grandfather. This plantation became the final home for Ignacio Mori and his family. In 1894, when Ignacio Francisco Mori Romani passed away, a large part of the farm was sold to Juan Pietri, also a Corsican immigrant. Later, Ignacio's descendants also sold the rest of the plantation to Juan Pietri.
- \* We resume this section with the last part of a longer text written by Bienvenido Caraballo Mori. For the whole document go to: <http://www.familia-mori-internacional.com/#!el-patriarca-y-su-descendencia/ukzn8>. An English version is also available on the same page.

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