

Revised Workshop Program of 2018 for Generational Relay

The program for 2018 has been revised for changes in dates and location. The first two will be offered on Sunday, May 6, 2018 in the Gazebo of Urb. Luchetti in Yauco. The third one will be on June 3 (see workshop program below). There could be other changes due to availability of location and the presenters, nevertheless, any changes will be notified on time.

The Board of Directors informs:

Because this newsletter corresponds to two months, the Board of Directors informs in this issue about the two meetings held in March and April 2018.

In the first meeting, the Board met on Sunday, March 4, 2018, at the El Naranjo Community Center in Yauco. At this meeting, the Board considered and/or approved the following matters:

- * The various committees render reports. Among the most relevant is:
 - * Editorial - the Bulletin and the Webpage are up to date and the publication of the approved Regulation is in process, as well as the translation thereof into English.
 - * Visits - the resumption of visits for recruitment is pending.
 - * 25th Anniversary – the publication of the 25th Anniversary Album and the selection of the venue for a very special Annual Meeting is being planned.
 - * Youth – the creation of a Youth Board is being planned.
 - * Historical research - projects to digitize family documents, a documentary video for the 25th Anniversary and research of the history of the Mori Family in documented archive and other media, as well as the reconstruction of the family genealogy and its publication also for the 25th Anniversary.
- * Two seats on the Board were declared vacant due to repetitive absences.

As always, we enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Nancy Pacheco Mori and a get-together with members of Familia Mori who always accompany the Board in their meetings.

The Board also met on Sunday, April 1, 2018 in the same location and considered and/or approved the following matters:

- * The minutes of the February and March of 2018 meetings were presented and approved.
- * It was reported that the next bulletin will cover the months of March and April; the bulletins will be mailed only to those who do not have an email account.
- * The workshops for the generational relay will be rescheduled to begin in May, they will be reorganized and moved to the Gazebo of the Urb. Luchetti in Yauco due to the absence of electricity in the El Naranjo Community Center. See changes in the column on the left.
- * It was reported that the members of the Board whose positions were declared vacant were notified with a declaration of vacancies of positions in the Board.

Again, on this occasion, we enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared this time by Mini García Quiñones and a get-together with members of the Mori Family who always accompany the Board in their meetings.

Next meeting will be at the Gazebo of the Urb. Luchetti in Yauco along with the first workshops of the generational relay on May 6th, 2018.

Genealogy Project of Mori Family International for 2019

As part of its history project, the Mori Family has initiated a project with the purpose of reconstructing its genealogy starting with the Patriarch's ascendants and ending with his most recent descendants.

This would be an actively participating project, since it will require the collaboration of all family branches descending from all of the Patriarch's children. The contribution in terms of information and photos are necessary in order to be able to reconstruct this great family tree without omitting anyone, both inside and outside of Puerto Rico. The diáspora is very important!

We hope it could be completed in time to be published for the 25th Annual Meeting of 2019 in which the Organization turns a quarter of a century.

Soon we will be informing on how each one will be able to contribute the information corresponding to his/her branch of the family. Refer to the Historical Corner section (p.2 of this bulletin), to see the start of this effort.

What's new on the Webpage of Mori Family International?

*Workplan for 2018

*Revised program of workshop for the generational relay for 2018.

*List of Corsican and French descendants located in Puerto Rico

*Bulletins for February 2018 (Year 3 No. 2) and March-April 2018 (Year 3 No.3)

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The Historical Corner – The genealogy of the Patriarch

We pause with the descendants of the Patriarch to take advantage of the fact that Familia Mori International is giving impetus to its genealogy project and laying the foundations that give rise to it. As indicated on the note on page 1, we aspire to complete such genealogy from the ascendants of the Patriarch up to the most recent generation, so it could be ready for the 25th Anniversary of our organization on September of 2019.

As this will inevitably be a participatory project we start here the beginning of the project whereby each descendant branch of the Patriarch's children born in Puerto Rico will be able to contribute with their data and even with photos to complete it. We will start with generations previous to the Patriarch and will end with the generations of his children. Since there were four marriages of the Patriarch, we divided this story into five parts. We do it graphically so that they can be located in any of them without difficulty.

Ascendants of the Patriarch

The Patriarch was born, probably in 1815, in the town of San Gavino di Tenda, near the city of Bastia in Corsica. His ancestors come, from his father's side, from that same town and from a nearby one, Santo Pietro di Tenda and, from the maternal side, from the village of Monticello located on the seaside in northwest Corsica.

First Marriage of the Patriarch

According to recently obtained data in Corsica by Marie-Hélène Pein-Lacombe, linked to the Mori Family, the Patriarch had a first marriage before emigrating to America in which he procreated 3 children, something which coincide with the oral accounts of the family. So far, there is no more information about the descendants of these children, although there is a record of marriage of Cleontina (who is believed that Ignacio didn't get to know) of 1878 and could, therefore, be assumed the possibility of grandchildren of Ignacio.

Second Marriage of the Patriarch

According to the data obtained, the Patriarch migrated to America, approximately in 1849 to Martinique and years later to Puerto Rico. He arrived in Mayagüez in 1854 along with his wife of Martinican origin, Petrona Romani and María Inés Romani, Petrona's daughter from a previous marriage. Ignacio and Petrona had only one child before she died in Mayagüez.

Third Marriage of the Patriarch

After Petrona died, the Patriarch took her daughter María Inés as wife, with whom he had two children. One of them, Ramón María, migrated to the Dominican Republic, and is the last we know of him. María Inés also died early in Mayagüez and it was then that Ignacio completed his migration to Yauco, which was his initial objective.

Fourth Marriage of the Patriarch

The arrival of Ignacio to Yauco and its location in the Aguas Blancas neighborhood began a new stage in his life, this time as a coffee farmer, but also allows him to start a fourth marriage, for the first time with a native of the country, María del Carmen Román Galarza, with whom Ignacio would have 13 additional children. At least that's what the oral sources say but, in the documents, appear up to 16 different names although, some of them, very similar. As it is something unresolved, we include the 16 here, until it is resolved.

On the other hand, we believe that not all the children of the Patriarch had offspring or we have not yet been able to identify them. The same happens with the Patriarch's children in Corsica. But whatever the final number of children of the Patriarch, this will always be high and identifying all the descendants of a high number of children is always a great challenge, particularly due to the phenomenon of the diaspora that extends to many U.S. states, including Hawaii, as well as other Caribbean countries, and we assume in Corsica and France as well. That is why we say that, even though a great advance has been made, there is still a lot of work to be done and we must count on the collaboration of all the members of this great family tree that we are building.

For the moment, please identify your branch in one of the 4 Patriarch marriages detailed here and look for as much information as possible to contribute to this great effort.

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