

Mori Family International celebrates 2nd. Generational Transition Workshop (and something else...)

On May 7, 2017, the second Mori Family International Generational Transition Workshop was held at the El Naranjo Community Center in Yauco. Eva Mori Galarza, First President and current member of the Board of Directors offered the workshop. The theme of the workshop was: Brief history of the formation, development and future of young members in our organization, Mori Family International. The workshop was carried in a participatory mode and included a synopsis on the origin of the Patriarch Mori and the surname Mori, details of the first meeting in 1994 and on the original group of founders. There was also a recount of some of the encounters and activities carried out as well as the many achievements over the years. Descendants of Eusebio Mori Romani, José María Mori Romani, Andrés Mori Román, Francisco Antonio Mori Román and Dominica Mori Román, all children of Patriarch Mori, attended the workshop. The third workshop will be held in the same place on June 4. Information here: PHOTO

After the workshop, we had a family lunch and the celebration of something else, a surprise, such as the celebration of April and May birthdays of family members who attended, as well as the celebration of Mothers Day. (Continued on page 2)

The Board of Directors informs ...

In May, the Board met twice. The first was the May ordinary meeting held on Sunday May 7, 2017 at El Naranjo Community Center in Yauco. Before the meeting, the 2nd Generational Transition Workshop as well as other events was held (see column on the left).

The issues discussed and / or approved were as follows:

- The President (in the absence of the Treasurer) made the financial report as of April 30.
- Amendments to the Preamble, Objectives and Organization of the new bylaws were revised with the exception of the place of the annual meetings.
- The board approved a donation requested to help defray expenses of participation of Alexander Morales Pacheco, grandson of Nancy Pacheco Mori in the Taekwando ITF 2017 Pan American Championship competition. Other members of the Board contributed as well.
- An extraordinary meeting was convened to continue the discussion of the amendments to be held Sunday, July 21 at 12:00 p.m.

The extraordinary meeting was held as convened in the same place as the previous one and was devoted exclusively to the continuation to revising of the amendments to the rules of procedure that would be presented at the Assembly of Amendments on July 23. The issues discussed and / or approved were as follows:

- Regarding the issue of the place of the annual meetings, the original wording is left but a provision is added to the section so that any Annual Assembly could determine that a future annual meeting could be held in another town other than Yauco.

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What's new on the Mori Family International website?

- ❖ May 2017 Bulletin (Year 2, No. 5) as well as its English text (familia-mori-internacional.com/boletines)
 - ❖ Video of second IMF Generational Transition Workshop (familia-moriinternacional.com/galeria-de-videos)
 - ❖ Proposed amendments to the MFI Bylaws (familia-mori-internacional.com/proyecto-de-enmiendas-al-reglamento)
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SOON: Mori Family International Summer Activities:

Sunday, July 23, 2017 / El Naranjo Community Center, Yauco

* Special Assembly of Amendments to the Bylaws of the Mori Family International. 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served

* Mori Family International Summer Activity - 1:00 p.m. There will be party and music.

Come on in! Share! Do not miss it!

2nd. Workshop ... and something else ... (cont.)

Here a collage of photos of both acts as well as the workshop: (LOOK FOR PHOTOS IN THE ORIGINAL BULLETIN).
The content of this second workshop and the other activities is available on the MFI page as a video in the Video Gallery section

The Board reports ... (cont.)

- To separate the positions of Historian and Communicator.
- To create the post of sub-treasurer. The historical experience in the organization has shown that it is necessary.
- To increase the number of at-large members of the Board from 4 to 6 and the number of Board members from 9 to 13.
- The nomination and election of the members of the Board shall be made in the Annual Assembly every three (3) years, except for those to be elected every two (2) years.

In both meetings we enjoyed delicious lunches prepared by Nancy Pacheco Mori and a sharing with other members of the family who accompanied us. The next meeting will be on Sunday, June 4 at the same place.

The Historical Corner - The descendants of the Patriarch: Paula, Melín and Rate Mori Torres (Fourth of a series)

This Historic Corner on the descendants of Patriarch Mori, is the fourth of a series dedicated to 3 sisters of Mori Family: Paula, Rate and Melín Mori Torres. We continue this time with Ermelinda (Melín) Mori Torres (1923-2009). Her son Noel Pacheco Mori, her daughters Nancy and Micaela (Kelita) Pacheco Mori as well as her granddaughter Nancy Morales Pacheco have provided us with interviews as well as photos for this story.

We know from previous accounts that Melin Mori was a great-grandmother of Patriarch Mori and daughter of his grandson Serafin Mori Caraballo (known as *Abuelo Bin*) and María Ignacia Torres Santiago. Melín married Cayetano Pacheco Nigaglioni, better known as Tito Pacheco. Noel says: *"They were married in a little chapel in Duey, here are the photos of that day, they do not appear together because they were with one of those small cameras, but, yes, they got married. I was the first of 15 children."* Tito Pacheco was the son of Secundino Pacheco and Micaela Nigaglioni who lived in the Duey Ward of Yauco, in Los Abrojos sector but Noel as well as Ernesto and Blanca were born in El Cerro de Aguas Blancas. Then they moved to El Verde to the new farm of Secundino Pacheco. Noel, who is already close to 75 years old, said: *"Dad sold that farm to Chago Caraballo and bought 5 cuerdas (acres) in El Naranjo to Cornelio Rodríguez. They were "uña y carne" (very close friends). Grandpa (Secundino) lived with us until he died. He was already a widower and I never knew my grandmother."*

"The house where we live later - continues narrating Noel - is the same one existing today in El Verde in El Naranjo, well, I mean, it is not the exactly same house even though it is in the same place. First it was made of wood and zinc and had a balcony on the upper side. Then it was made of cement, wood and zinc, and there is now ... We planted bananas, corn, coffee, squash, celery and other fruits, they were for sale and also for family consumption. That's way we never were eligible to receive school shoes vouchers."

Of his childhood and adolescence, Noel remembers that they did not have electric power until the decade of the 50's of the past century and that the poles for the electrical cables were laid with helicopters. At first, electricity was just for lighting. Electrical appliances arrived much later.

Discipline in the house was very strong on the part of Melin and Tito, in the same way, says Noel, in which Grandfather Bin had raised his children. He had to get up early to go pick up pigeon peas and then to weed them. As an example, he tells the story that once he asked his father, who was a barber, to do him the fashion cut called "flat top" and that Tito Pacheco replied: *"When you pay the cut, you will get a flat top"*.

Noel says that all the 15 children went to school but only younger ones finished high school. Out of the 7 males and 8 females, only 12 are still living. Many immigrated to the United States, mostly to New York and to Cleveland, although some, like Lico, Abraham and him left but returned home after many years in the U.S. Noel tells some funny stories of when he emigrated to New York to work and to live with his aunt Palmira, who had no children. Noel counts, as a joke: *"At that time it was said that someone "se embarcaba" (went by sea) but I did not go by boat, but by plane ("Me embarqué en avión")*. He was just over 20 years old and faced some difficulties adapting to the city of skyscrapers. He tells, for example, of the time when his Aunt Palmira took him to the Puerto Rican Parade but as soon as he arrived, he got confused and could not find his her any more. He decided to take the subway back home. After waiting in front of the building entrance for some time, the aunt came with two policemen who came to get a picture of him so that the police could start a search.

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