

Mori Family International Newsletter

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Mori Family International's fruitful 2016 summer event in Aguas Blancas

On Sunday July 24, 2016, Mori Family International celebrated the summer event in the former residence of Aunt Rate Mori in the Aguas Blancas sector of Yauco. The old house—currently undergoing renovations—was the residence of the Ortíz-Mori Family and where they raised their many children.

Despite the constant rain and with the Rodadero Peak in the background, around a hundred descendants of the Patriarch Ignacio Mori, their significant others and friends gathered to share the joy, the music, the memories, and plentiful food that included *bacalaitos* (codfish fritters), *sorullitos* (corn fritters), *pastelillos* (beef turnovers), Puerto Rican fried chicken and pork, *ñame* or yam (not sweet potato), *mollejas en escabeche* (pickled gizzards), chicken filled plantain baskets, *sancocho* (stew) with white rice, *arroz con gandules y carne de cerdo* (rice with green pigeon peas and pork), fruit, beverages, desserts, etc. All this, besides the dancing that took place under an improvised awning due to the rain. Anyhow, everybody agreed that it should be repeated next year. (See abundant photos on familia-mori-internacional.com)

The Board reports...

At the meeting held on July 10, 2016, the Board considered and/or approved the following issues:

- * Report on the contract for the webpage.
- * Status of the T-shirt sales event and market rates.
- * Report by the Visiting Committee: Myrtelina Morris in Aguadilla.
- * Report by the Communications Committee: publishing of the English text of the bulletin for the webpage.
- * Regulation's amendments: At the last meeting, the Board agreed to discuss the matter at the August meeting.
- * Printing market rate for reproducing the Amendments document.
- * Appointment of Andresito Mori as treasurer.
- * Changing of signatures and the opening of new checking account at the Credit Union and Savings of Yaucoop.
- * Payment of the lease with the Rotary Club for the Mori Family International's Annual Meeting of 2016.
- * Last moment details for the Summer Event of July 24 in Aguas Blancas.
- * Report on the document of request of admission (Membership Form for the Mori Family International) and payment of fees.

The meeting was held at the residence of Eneida García and Lito Velázquez in Yauco. As always, we enjoyed a delicious lunch and a nice gathering. As in previous occasions, we were joined by former Board and other family members. The next meeting will be on Sunday, August 7 on the same location. Our most sincere gratitude once more to Eneida and Lito.

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

- * Review and photos of the Summer event in Aguas Blancas.
- * Visit of Family Mori's members of Puerto Rico to Hawaii with photos.
- * The English texts of the newsletters published in 2016.
- * Visit to Myrtelina Morris and family in Aguadilla by the Visiting Committee.
- * New historical documents about the Mori Family.

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Upcoming events of the Mori Family International:

- There is just one month left for our **Annual Meeting 2016**. It will be on Sunday, September 4th (as always, the day before Labor Day) in the Rotary Club of Yauco. Invitation for this event may be found on page 2 of this bulletin.
- Visits by the Visiting Committee continue in order to contact unidentified or little known members of the Mori Family. Four groups have been formed for this work in different areas of the country:
 - Metro area and other towns (In charge: B. Caraballo Mori)
 - Southern Area 1 - Ponce, Villalba and other towns (In charge: Tony Mori)
 - Southern Area 2 - Yauco and other towns (In charge: Livia R. Ortiz Mori - Kelly)
 - Western Area - Mayaguez and other towns (In charge: Andresito and Eva Mori)

Invitation

The Board of Directors is pleased to invite the descendants of our Corsican Patriarch, Ignacio Francisco Mori Romani, to the Twenty-second (22nd) Annual Meeting of the Mori Family International. On that day we will have the pleasure of greeting all members and non-members of our Organization. The meeting will take place on the following place and date:

Date: Sunday, September 4th, 2016

Registration: starting at 10:00 am

Beginning of day's agenda: 11:00 am

Place: Rotary Club of Yauco, P.R.

Confirmation of attendance: 787-548-6427 / bcmoris@gmail.com

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Visit of Moris of Puerto Rico to Moris of Hawaii

When Serafín Mori, son of the Patriarch Ignacio Mori, migrated to Hawaii with his family in the year 1901, he couldn't imagine that eventually a bond will be formed between two lines of the same family separated by thousands of kilometers on two different oceans, the Pacific and the Atlantic. Almost from the onset of Family Mori International, the Hawaiian Moris (known as Morris) and the P.R. Moris had maintained a relationship that has included several visits by each party.

On this summer of 2016, Marta Eva Mori Galarza, her husband Choro Salinas, Nancy Pacheco Mori, along with William Irizarry Mori and his wife Lucy González embarked on a long trip to Hawaii where they shared with the Hawaiian relatives and enjoyed the beauty of the islands for 10 days. Furthermore, Eva and Choro took the opportunity to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary alongside Melvin Morris and wife, who were also celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

There are plenty of photos on the webpage's review of the trip and a video of Boricua music performed by Hawaiian Boricuas.

The historic corner – Biographical Information of the Patriarch Ignacio Francisco Mori Romani (1828-1894) - 2*

4. When did Ignacio Mori arrive in Puerto Rico? Ignacio, his wife and her daughter, Marinés arrived in Puerto Rico in 1854. They settled in town of Mayaguez. Ignacio and his wife also operated an inn there. He was the business manager. Marinés was very young but helped in running the inn.

At this time, Mayaguez was the second most important port in Puerto Rico, being San Juan, the capital of Puerto Rico, the most important one. Coffee was exported from both ports to Cuba, United States, Europe and the Vatican in Rome. It is believed that Pope León III's (1872 -1903) sip of coffee (*trago de café*) was from coffee imported from Hacienda Salvación "Plantation of Coffee" farm in Río Prieto, Yauco. We would like to think that would be coffee produced at "Llano de Mori."

5. When was Ignacio Mori's first child born in Puerto Rico? The first child, a boy, was born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico in 1856. María Ines Mori, Ignacio's granddaughter told us: "*My grandfather's first child was Eusebio Mori Romani. He was my uncle.*" This boy was his only son with Petrona. Eusebio was the first Mori descendant in Puerto Rico. Some of Eusebio descendant are here today with us. Shortly after giving birth, Petrona died and Ignacio, who was only 28 years old, became a widower with one son.

6. For how long did Patriarch Ignacio Mori live in Mayaguez, P. R. Ignacio Mori lived in Mayaguez between 1854 and 1862. His granddaughter told us: "*While living in Mayaguez, Ignacio and Marinés fell in love. She was my grandmother. Out of this marriage, two boys were born. One was my father, named José Maria Mori Romani. The second was Uncle Ramón Mori Romani. Shortly after the last boy was born, Marinés also passed away.*" "I never knew my grandmother", she said. So, Ignacio became a widower again but this time, he had three sons. Petrona and Marinés never lived in Yauco. They both passed away in Mayaguez. After some time, Ignacio and his three children left Mayaguez and went to Yauco.

*Written by Bienvenido Caraballo Mori. This is an excerpt of a longer text that will be presented in further bulletins. 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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