

Mori Family International Newsletter

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Invitation: 2017 *Octavitas* activity

The Board of Directors of the Mori Family International invites you to our traditional *Octavitas* party. We want to share with your family and strengthen even more our family ties as descendants of Patriarch Mori.

Date: Sunday, January 8, 2017

Time: from 10:00 a.m.

Place: Centro Comunal del Barrio Naranjo de Yauco (Carr. 373 km 2.8)

This past year we have renewed our commitment and strengthened our Organization. During the year 2017, we will prepare for our Mori generational change.

The young people will be responsible for and follow the development of the Mori Family International so that our Mission and Vision continue as our as established by our founders over 20 years ago.

Captions of Photos:

- 1-2: Chopping the pig-let with a machete.
- 3-4: To the left, Cholo Caraballo Mori and his cute family, descendants of José Maria Mori Romani, 1863-1901. To the right, the Mori-Sepúlveda and Mori-Rodríguez families, descendants of Francisco Antonio Mori Roman, 1867-1904.
- 5: For those who do not know the place: 1) When you arrive in Yauco, take Road 128 as if going to Castañer or Adjuntas. 2) After passing both bridges of the Luchetti Water Reservoir, keep going until you reach the exit to El Naranjo 3) There, take a right to enter Road 373 and keep driving until you reach El Centro Comunal on your left. 4) Please park on either side of the road leaving room for other guests. 5) Please don't block any entrance or vehicles.

The Board reports...

At its ordinary meeting, held on Sunday November 13, 2016 at the *Centro Comunal of El Naranjo* in Yauco, the Board discussed and/or approved the following items:

- Acting upon the proceedings of past meetings is postponed.
- A calendar for meetings of the Board for the upcoming year is adopted. It was also agreed to make arrangements for holding them at this same place as today. This does not exclude that some meetings be held at the homes of family members.
- Andrés Mori, the treasurer, submits his report on savings and checking accounts.
- It is reported that the IRS has assigned an employer identification number to the FMI Corporation, Inc.
- January 8, 2017 is reiterated as the date of the *Octavitas* party. It will be held at the *El Centro Comunal of El Naranjo* and will be announced in the November and December Bulletins. Invitations will also be sent to FMI members. The menu (typical Christmas including suckling pig, "*lechón a la vara*"), and steps will be taken so that we have typical live music.
- Juan Soto, Chairman of the Committee responsible for coordinating facilities at *El Centro Comunal* was present for a moment and provided information on facilities. A donation of \$50 will be made to the *Centro Comunal*.

As always, we enjoyed a delicious lunch, this time prepared by Nancy Pacheco Mori. We also enjoyed a good time-sharing with other family members who were also present.

The next meeting will be held on December 11 in Moca.

Caption of photo: Attending members of the Board: Andresito Mori Caraballo, Bienvenido Caraballo Mori, Nancy Pacheco Mori, Roberto Mori González y Ángel A. (Tony) Mori Rodriguez (not in the photo). The following were also present: Joselito Velázquez, Julio Mori Feliciano and wife, Lico Pacheco Mori, Lisa Mori Rivera, Lucy Sepúlveda, Juan Soto, of *El Centro Comunal* and a resident of the community of El Naranjo (in the photo, extreme right).

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

- November 2016 edition of the Bulletin plus the English text.
- New section: *Leave your comments*

Visit <http://www.familia-mori-internacional.com>

Upcoming events of the Mori Family International:

- The Octavitas Get Together that will be on Sunday January 8, 2017 at the *Centro Comunal of El Naranjo* in Yauco. Find the invitation in this same page.
- 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 purpose 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)

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The historic corner – Death of the Patriarch Mori and a new series on its descendants

In this edition we have a very special Historic Corner: we commemorate another anniversary of the death of the Patriarch and we begin a new series about his descendants.

122nd. Anniversary of the Death of Patriarch Mori

On November 10, we commemorated another anniversary (the 122nd) of the death of our Mori Patriarch. After having reviewed his life in past editions, we want to take a moment to know about how he died on that same date but in 1894 in Yauco. His death certificate reads: "*Ramón Ruiz y Montes, born in and resident of this municipality, single, a farmer and of legal age, came to report that, yesterday at 10:00 am, due to pulmonary tuberculosis, Ygnacio Moris y Romani, born in Corsica, Department of France, and a resident of this municipality, single, farmer, tenant and 76 years old, died in the Aguas Blancas ward of Yauco and that was he reporting this as an immediate neighbor.*" To see the death certificate, go to <http://www.familia-mori-internacional.com/documentos>.

Bienvenido Caraballo Morí, great great grandson of the Patriarch and current president of the Mori Family International, in ***Relatos de la muerte del Patriarca***, his story about his death, tells what happened in his last days. "Our story is narrated from facts, places, people, farms and oral tradition, says Bienvenido. "The funeral record included and the names are real."

The story begins in this way: *From the day Ignacio went to see Dr. Mattei and was diagnosed with "pulmonary tuberculosis", the Patriarch told Carmela, his wife, that everyone in the house were at risk of contracting the disease. The doctor himself recommended that it was best to live away from his family. There was no cure for that disease at that time.*

Towards the end of the story, Ramón Ruiz Montes and Serafín, son of the Patriarch, discover that Ignacio is dead: *When they went into the room, the window had one of the two sheets closed but there was enough clarity. The fresh morning wind ventilated the place.*

Ignacio was lying down in bed. His eyes were closed as if he was sleep but he did not move. They came closer to see if he were breathing. His body was still warm. Ramon told Serafín "You should not touch him." Then they found that Ignacio was no longer breathing.

The Patriarch Mori fell asleep forever. No longer he would feel pain as the night before in the dream. He left on his last voyage alone, as he did when he left Corsica.

You may read the full text of ***Relatos de la muerte del Patriarca*** at: <http://www.familia-mori-internacional.com/relato-de-la-muerte-del-patriarca>.

The descendants: Serafín Mori Ruiz

Here we begin with a new set of stories in the **Historical Corner** about the descendants of the Patriarch. We start with Serafín Mori Ruiz. In a short interview with his daughter, Marta Eva Mori Galarza, first president of Mori Family International, informed us that Serafín was a great-grandson of the Patriarch, a grandson of his son, Francisco Antonio Mori Roman, known as Cheché (1867-1904), while his father was Antonio Maria Mori. On the maternal side, Serafín was also a grandson of Ramón Ruiz Montes, the neighbor who later bought the property of the Patriarch.

Serafín was born in Yauco in 1918 and died in Bayamon in 1979. He married the young Martina Galarza Deynes of Moca in 1941. Eva Mori tells us, "Uncle Lolo brought him to Moca." So he met the young Martina, known familiarly as Ata and who still survives him.

Although at first they lived in Barrio Palomas in Yauco, later they moved to Moca. Serafín worked in cane plantations, driv-

ing and mending trucks, and in construction work in the Ramey Base of Aguadilla. Equally, he worked on other construction projects in the metropolitan area and outside Puerto Rico. He studied civil engineering by correspondence. For its part, Ata, when younger, she worked for a factory but from his home in sewing. She was also a seamstress from her home for the general public. Eva remembers that her mother did dresses for singer Julita Ross, who, while waiting, rocked her brothers and her in a armchair.

The couple had 4 children: Serafín, Roberto, Dalma Iris and Marta Eva. Of these, only the women have not passed away. They also had 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Serafín also had children in another relationship but inscribed them as surname Morris. Eva comments that at Ramey they called him Mr. Morris.

On the other hand, Serafín was one of 7 brothers: Milagros, Monserrate, Ángel Antonio, Hector, Raul, Rafael and Benjamin. He also had a brother from his father: José Luis Mori Lugo, now a distinguished member of the Mori Family International.

On November 11, Martina (Ata) turned 97 and a large group of members of the Mori family celebrated the occasion at the house of his daughter Eva. We enjoyed the hospitality of Eva and her husband Choro Salinas, particularly the *caldo gallego* (Galician broth). Ata enjoyed the birthday cake, the songs and prayers that she was offered. At 97, she has witnessed many of the happenings of the Mori family that she joined in 1941.

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