

Mori Family International Newsletter

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July 2017: EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY OF AMENDMENTS AND THE SUMMER GATHERING

The Board of Directors convenes and exhorts Mori Family International members to participate in the Assembly of Amendments to the organizations' regulations. These amendments will provide more stability, continuity and participation to the members.

Date: Sunday, July 23, 2017

Time: 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Place: *El Naranjo Community Center*

That same day, starting at noon, we will have our summer gathering. See the invitation below.

The Board of Directors reports

The Board celebrated its ordinary meeting on Sunday, June 4th, 2017 at the *El Naranjo Community Center* in Yauco. Although some routine issues were discussed, the meeting was centered on the revisions of the amendments to the rules of the organization to be submitted to the assembly of amendments of July 23, 2017.

The discussed and/or approved issues were the following:

- The Report of Finances was completed, which included the banking state of income and expenses as of May 31st, and the on the need to attend to the assignment of a route number for the monthly bank report. This would be addressed at *Yaucoop* on June 19.
- The President announced that the invitation letters and the convocation for the Extraordinary Assembly were sent in early May and the invitation to the Annual Summer Activity was issued together with the May Newsletter.
- On the amendments process, it is reported that as of June 3rd, no member of the organization had submitted suggestions and/or proposed amendments to the ones circulated.
- Due to the amount of amendments still left for review by the Board, the following motions were proposed and approved:
 - That each member of the Board be assigned an area that correspond to the position he currently occupies, and provide a report at next meeting.
 - Those other areas of the regulation are assigned to those present, in addition to the area related to the position held at the Board.
- It is also approved that a summary of the amendments will be handed out during the Extraordinary Assembly.

As always, we enjoyed a delicious lunch cooked by Nancy Pacheco Mori, and a nice gathering with other members of the family that joined the Board during meetings. The next ordinary meeting will be held on Sunday, July 2nd, 2017 at the same place.

Mori Family International holds the 3rd Generational Transition Workshop

The 3rd Generational Transition Workshop of the Mori Family International was held on June 4th, 2017 at the *El Naranjo Community Center* in Yauco. Roberto Mori González, currently in charge of the Editorial Committee of the organization, offered the workshop. The theme of the workshop was: *Communication and Technical Aspects of the Newsletter and Webpage of Mori Family International*. Programs and technical aspects to the preparation of both media outlets of the organization were presented. A video with the slides used for the presentation can be found in the videos section of the webpage. Descendants of Eusebio Mori Romani, José María Mori Romani, Andrés Mori Román, Francisco Antonio Mori Román and Dominica Mori Román, all of them descendants of the Mori patriarch, attended the workshop. There will be a 4th and 5th workshops to be offered on the same day, August 6th:

- 4th Workshop: *Knowing the Regulations of the Organization (part I); Duties and Responsibilities of the Board Members (part II)*
- 5th Workshop: *Prepare and Lead a meeting of the Board of Directors*

What's new on the Mori Family International webpage?

- June 2017 Newsletter (Year 2, Num. 6), as well as the English version (familia-mori-internacional.com/boletines)
- Video of the 3rd Generational Transition Workshop of the Mori Family International (familia-mori-internacional.com/galeria-de-videos)
- Proposal for amendments to the Regulations of Mori Family International (familia-mori-internacional.com/proyecto-de-enmiendas-al-reglamento)

The Historical Corner – The descendants of the Patriarch: Paula, Melín y Rate Mori Torres (5th of a series)

This Historical Corner about the descendants of the Patriarch Mori, is the fifth of a series dedicated to three sisters of the Mori Family: Paula, Rate and Melín Mori Torres. We continue with Ermelinda (Melín) Mori Torres (1923-2009), a narrative that we began in the last issue. This time around we counted with the input of her daughters Nancy and Micaela (Kelita) Pacheco Mori and her granddaughter Nancy Morales Pacheco.

The narration of Nancy and Kelita strengthen that of Noel: “There are 13 siblings, and Nancy is the eighth”. The youngest is Micaela (Kelly), who was named after her paternal grandmother, although that name corresponded, by tradition, to the eldest. Actually, Melín gave birth to a total of 15 children, but one died as an infant and the other, named Serafín, like his maternal grandfather, died in 1970 at 9 years of age, leaving a total of 13 siblings that reached adulthood. Nancy and Lico still lives in the house they were raised in, although the eldest, Blanca, Ernesto and Noel, were born in *Aguas Blancas* where Melín was originally from. Nancy was the first to be born at a hospital. There is a span of 17 years from the eldest to the youngest, in fact, Kelly, the youngest, was 8 years-old when she met Noel, the eldest. The father, Cayetano Pacheco Nigaglioni, better known as Tito was originally from the Düey ward. The youngest of the male siblings was name after his father, and is known as Juni.”

“Melín and Tito—confirmed the sisters—were married in 1940, when she was 18 years-old and he was 21. Noel was the first to be born in 1942. In 1990, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, including the same group of musicians that played at their wedding.”

About the daily routine at home, Nancy says that Melín had their “job schedule ready...they knew what they had to do: to the creek to wash the clothes before going to school, and making sure they left the water container at least half way full.”

Kelly, for her part, says that even though she was the 13th sibling, this represented good fortune because she was very spoiled. This despite her parents were very strict people, very strongly so. Nancy remembered that they weren’t allowed inside businesses or the patron saint’s festival (*fiestas patronales*). There was a lot of control.

Nancy tells about how they had to wake up very early to help Melín pick coffee from her assigned plot at the Aunt Carmela Mori’s farm, and would bathe in the creek on the way back in order to go to school in the afternoon, because of the interlocking system. There wasn’t any water service in the house, so they had to go to the well for water. They washed the clothes in the river on Saturdays, and ironed everything on Sundays.

Kelly said that the house was full of family from both sides on Sundays. She remembers that they had to be in the kitchen and wash the dishes, making clear that there were no disposal plates; the whole china was brought out.

Nonetheless, Kelly clarifies that her mother had a very kind heart, and was very giving to her neighbors, family and everybody: “Everyone who came in the house, couldn’t leave without eating.” To which Nancy adds: “...or else, take the food to go.” Nancy and Kelly stated that they had kept the tradition instilled in them, especially by their father, of not visiting people empty handed. Every time their father visited someone, he had to bring something: food, bread, with milk. They were raised that way, and is what they always try to do.

Kelly states that Melín also engaged in sewing. She sewed gloves, and her daughters helped her by sewing the applications, except for the white gloves, in order to avoid stains. A workshop downtown brought her the gloves and other pieces of clothing. Kelly stated very proudly how her mother took a sewing class in *Aguas Blancas*, and finished high school when she was over 50 years-old. She finished high school with good grades, excelling in math. Kelly affirmed that Melín was very bright.

When Kelly was 13 years-old, the family took in the ‘uncle-brother’ Eddie, Melín’s younger brother, a mentally challenged boy, and everyone helped in Eddie’s care.

Cayetano (Tito) died in 1994, and Melín followed 15 years later in 2009. Melín had the opportunity to meet great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Her granddaughter Nancy (Nancy Pacheco’s daughter) says of her, that she was a very spoiling grandmother, a great cook, and of very strong personality. She remembers that even though she lived in Ponce, she used to go to Yauco on the weekends. At present, there are 12 of 13 left of Melín’s children after the recent loss of Ernesto. Of these, only 5 of them live on the Island.