

# Mori Family International Newsletter

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## Mori Family International's website ALREADY on the Internet

Just as we anticipated last month, the webpage of Mori Family International is available on the Internet on the following address:

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

(CAUTION: please observe that there is a line or dash between words)

There are two sections that are still on construction because information must be supplied by members of Mori Family international:

- 1) *Family's genealogy*, that would contain information including photos and documents of each line of descendents of the Mori Patriarch; we will be informing further.
- 2) *Personals*, in which members of the family will be able to post ads for sales, jobs search and openings, notifications of particular events such as births, weddings, birthdays, deaths, trips and others. Go to this section of the webpage for further instructions on how to submit information.

From this issue onwards, some subject-matters will have a link to the webpage. For example, for the *Personals* section it will be: <http://www.familia-mori-internacional.com/#!personales/v0bvd>.

## The Board reports...

The Board considered and/or approved the following issues on the meeting of June 12, 2016:

- Presentation of the webpage by Roberto Mori.
- T-shirt sales event (market rates).
- Reports by the Visiting and Communications committees.
- The follow-up process after the Board had considered the Regulations' Amendments.
- Printings market rate for reproducing the Amendments document.
- Kelly Ortiz Mori's resignation as treasurer was accepted, as she notified in writing not having the availability at this moment; this does not affect her position as a Board member for which she was elected in assembly. It was agreed that, for now on, the authorized signatures for the checks would be those of the President, the Vice-President and a vocal, Harry Irizarry Mori.
- Signing of the lease for the Rotary Club for the Mori Family International's Annual Meeting of 2016.
- Summer event (July 24<sup>th</sup> in *Aguas Blancas*)
- Document of request of admission to the Mori Family International.

The meeting was held at the residence of Eva Mori and Choro Salinas in Moca. As always, we enjoyed a delicious lunch and some other surprises. As in previous occasions, we were joined by former Board and other family members. The next meeting will be on Sunday, July 10 in Yauco.

## Upcoming events of the Mori Family International:

- Visits by the Visiting Committee continues 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)
- The Family Summer Event will be on **July 24, 2016** and it will take place in *Aguas Blancas* house of Aunt Rate Mori. Donations of food and beverages are requested for this activity. See the invitation on **page 2** of this bulletin.
- There are less than 2 months left for our **Annual Meeting 2016**. It will be on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> (as always, the day before Labor Day) in the Rotary Club of Yauco. Invitations for this event will go around soon.

## Requests of Membership to Mori Family International available on the Internet:

To access this request form, follow this link: <http://www.familia-mori-internacional.com/#!blank-3/h31k7>

Further instructions are provided on this link on how to fill and send the form. It will also be available in the Summer activity (July 24) as well as on the Annual Meeting (September 4<sup>th</sup>).

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

- 1) When and where was the Patriarch Mori born? He was born in the year 1828 in the village of San Gavino in Bastia, Corsica. His father was named Francisco Mori and his mother Dominica (Dominga) Romani. There are no known siblings, but it is assumed that he had siblings in Corsica.
- 2) When and why did he travel to the Americas? He embarked around 1846 from the port of Bastia, former capital of Corsica, a French Province, soon after his eighteenth birthday. In those times, as today, the youth emigrate in search of better economic opportunities they lack in their native land. Others did it for legal or political reasons. In the case of the Patriarch Mori, his granddaughter Justa Mori used to say: **“grandpa arrived as a runaway to avoid going to war. He left Corsica when France was at war with Europe.”** She might have been referring to the Second French Revolution which ended in 1848. This granddaughter of the Patriarch, who lived over a hundred years, narrated other stories of our family history, and her cousins confirmed that, **“Ignacio Mori came looking for someone called Pietri that was also born in Bastia.”** Pietri had a coffee plantation on a mountain in Yauco. **“Grandpa Ignacio didn’t know where this Pietri plantation was located”**, his great granddaughter Rate Mori used to say.
- 3) What happened in his travel to the Americas? He disembarked in the island of Martinique because of an accident—Rate Mori narrated that **“there was awful weather during the trip and the ship where grandpa Ignacio was travelling in was damaged. They were forced to stop in Martinica to repair the ship. That is why Ignacio Mori lived there for a while.”** The year is unknown, but it must have been between 1846 and no later than 1854. **“In Martinique, Ignacio met a widowed lady that owned a hotel. They lived together as a couple there”**, stated his great granddaughter. Years later it was known that her name was Petrona. When **“they sold the hotel and came to live in Puerto Rico,”** his granddaughter Sarito Mori used to say, Petrona brought the daughter from her former marriage with her.

\*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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