**Mori Family International Newsletter**

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**#8, August 2016**

**Program for the Mori Family International’s #22 Annual Meeting/September 4th, 2016, Rotary Club, Yauco, P.R.**

**10:00am – 11:00am Registration and collection of annual fee.**

**11:00am Protocol (Opening Ceremonies)**

* Welcome speech and presentation of Board members.
* Presentation of group members according to the lines of the Patriarch’s children.
* Presentation of special guests and visitors.
* Greetings send from outside P.R.
* Memorial: Minute of silence for those that passed away this year.

**11:10am Invocation or reflection.**

**11:15am Determination of quorum and presentation of the agenda.**

* Determination of quorum and report from the Credentials Committee.
* Presentation of the agenda and orders of the day.
* Presentation of the Temporary Committees.

**11:30 am Reports on previous Annual Meeting and on Committees.**

* Reading and approval of previous Minutes.
* Report from the Board of Directors: Work Plan and Work Committees, Visiting Committees, Finance Committee, Activity Committee.

**12:30am Lunch Break and Musical Interlude: *Juventud Boricua***

**1:30 pm Dedication of the #22 Meeting**

**2:00 pm Continuation of Agenda.**

* Pending Issues – Amendments’ Assembly
* New Issues and/or Resolutions and closing

**2:30 – 5:30 pm Fratellanza Gathering and Entertainment**

**The Board reports…**

Due to the proximity of the upcoming Mori Family International #22 Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors met twice in August. Both meetings were dedicated to the organizing of said event. In its ordinary meeting, held last Sunday, August 7th, in the home of Eneida García y Lito Velázquez in the Luchetti Neighborhood of Yauco, the Board considered and/or approved the following issues:

* The Annual Meeting of 2016 will be dedicated to the children and youth that were present in the Constituent Assembly of Mori Family International and other youth that later incorporated into our Organization.
* The Agenda and Orders of the day and the details for the Annual Meetings Activities and Events (See Program in the left column).
* The following Temporary Committees were created for that day: Credentials and Registration of Member and Visitors Committee, Organization and Ushers Committee. These committees are supervised by José Lito Vázquez.
* A draft was presented of the Work Report performed by the Board of Directors in 2016.
* It will be submitted to the Assembly for approval of Onelio Caraballo as an Honorary Member of Mori Family International.
* The document of the proposal for the Regulations’ Amendments will be given out on the day of the Annual Meeting for consideration in a future Assembly.

As always, we enjoyed a delicious lunch and a nice gathering among the members of the Board and other relatives that joined in.

On Sunday, August 28th, the Board held an extraordinary meeting to move forward with the tasks for the Annual Meeting. The meeting was held in the home of Nora and Oscar Ortiz in Ponce. We also enjoyed a delightful lunch and the company of other family members.

**What’s new on the Mori Family International’s webpage?**

* Letters were mailed to the heads of households regarding the #22 Meeting.
* Review, photos and videos of the Summer event in Aguas Blancas.
* Visit of Family Mori members of Puerto Rico to Hawaii, with photos.
* The English texts of the newsletters published in 2016.

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**Upcoming events of the Mori Family International:**

* There are just a few days left for our **Annual Meeting 2016**. It will be held on Sunday, September 4th (as always, the day before Labor Day) in the Rotary Club of Yauco. Invitation for this event can be found on page 2 of this bulletin.
* 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 purposed 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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| **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 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:Date: Sunday, September 4th, 2016Registration: starting at 10:00amBeginning of Event: 11:00amPlace: Rotary Club of Yauco, P.R.Confirmation of attendance: 787-548-6427/ bcmoris@gmail.comP.O. Box 23117 UPR Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00931-3117 |

**A little bit of history about our Annual Meetings**

Facing the #22, the Annual Meetings of the Mori Family International are a part of history by now. Information on the matter can be found in sections of the webpage: [*http://www.familia-mori-internacional.com*](http://www.familia-mori-internacional.com)

**The historic corner – Biographical information of the Patriarch Ignacio Francisco Mori Romani (1828-1894) - 3\***

5. When did Ignacio Mori arrive in Yauco? According to the oral history of the Mori Family, Ignacio arrived in Yauco in 1862, then 34 years-old. Here, he began searching for his Corsican friend from Bastia, Julián Pietri. He only knew that his friend had settled in the highlands of Yauco, but ignored the exact location.

6. After fourteen years in the Americas, eight of whom he lived in Mayagüez, he finally settled in Aguas Blancas, which became his true home.

7. Once in Yauco, he set out for the mountains of Rio Prieto, Naranjo and Aguas Blancas. According to Ignacio’s granddaughter, María Inés: *My grandfather went to work on the Hacienda Santa Clara* (coffee plantation), *where he became a supervisor.* *The owner of this coffee plantation was a Corsican named Mariani.* Oral history also locates him on the *Hacienda Salvación* (coffee plantation), in the Rio Prieto area. The owner of this plantation was José M. Pietri, unrelated to Julián Pietri.

8. How did Ignacio Mori found Julián Pietri? According to Rate Mori, Ignacio’s great-granddaughter: *While working for José M. Pietri, he heard of another plantation owner named Julián Pietri. He asked around to the muleros* (workers that transported coffee on mules) *about this Julián Pietri. As soon as he got word, Ignacio sent a letter to this Pietri, who in turn read it and replied with a message inviting Ignacio over to his plantation to work for him. Finally, the two men were reunited.*

\*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*](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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