

Dear friends,

There is no breakfast this month of May as we celebrated our Swearing In Ceremony/A Tribute to Our Mothers on May 6th, 2011. We appreciate the emails received from you letting us know how much you enjoyed the poems, pictures and videos of that event.

Our next family reunion will be next month, Saturday June 18th. Please see details below. This time we want to honor our Pedro Pan Fathers. Please let us know if you are bringing your fathers to the breakfast so we can acknowledge their presence and take some pictures and videos as well.

Also note that there are several important announcements in this Newsletter. Please read carefully and help us in the project that OPPG Historic Committee is launching at this time: Stories about Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh.

Remember Our Mission!

Love,

Carmencita Romanach

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May 19, 2011

Pedro Pan News

Important Announcement



Project: Stories about Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh

As a Tribute to Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh in the tenth Anniversary of his passing this year we want to gather a collection of short stories about him to publish them in booklet form, our website and face book account, etc..

Guidelines for the Project:

1. Article's length: two pages, 200- 500 words approximately.

2. Stories can be either when you were a Pedro Pan child or when you met Msgr. Walsh as an adult.
3. Theme: A story of an interaction with Msgr. Walsh (we want to have as many aspects of Msgr. Walsh's personality so it shows all these aspects: as a father figure, as a disciplinarian, as a very intelligent person, as a loving and caring man, as an administrator, as a priest, as a mediator, or as many other aspects as are possible)
4. Persons that met Msgr. Walsh and are not Pedro Pan can also submit their stories.
5. Stories can be submitted by email to: members@pedropan.org
and/or mail to: Operation Pedro Pan Group Inc.,
11352 NW 65th St., Doral, FL 33178
6. Deadline to submit stories: July 31st., 2011.

We want to gather as many stories as we can about Msgr. Walsh as a Tribute to him. Don't worry if you are not a "professional writer"....we want stories from the heart...that is what we are looking for. We will edit the story if necessary and will send it to the author for authorizing the final product of his/her story before publishing it.

OPPG Breakfast

June 18th, 2011

10 a.m.

La Casona Restaurant

9608 SW 72nd. St.

Miami, FL

\$10 per person

Please bring your fathers to the breakfast and let us know so that we can acknowledge their presence and show them our gratitude.

Let's make this breakfast a special one for our fathers.....

Recordando a Jose Marti

Video del Instituto de Estudios Cubanos y Cubano-Americanos ICCAS

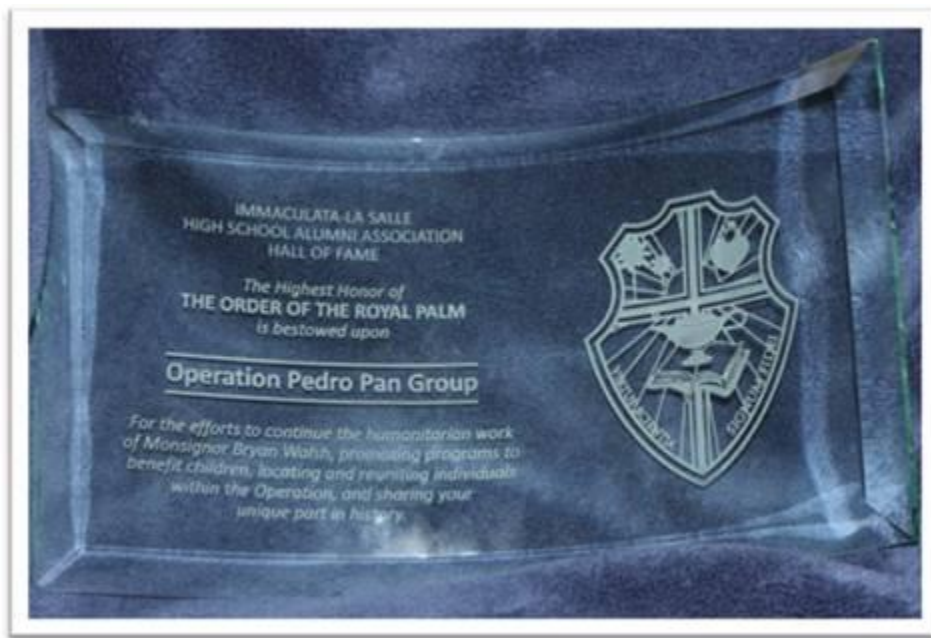
El Instituto de Estudios Cubanos y Cubano-Americanos ha preparado un corto video, "Recordando a Jose Marti", que se presenta el 19 de mayo en el centro Stephen P. Clark de los Comisionados del Condado de Dade.

Para bajarlo desde la propia web del ICCAS, [haga Clic aqui](#) .

También podéis visualizarlo en Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26b37VVxsus> y

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/video/editvideo.php?v=2050344016858>

The Order of the Royal Palm Award



The Board of Directors of the Immaculata-La Salle Alumni Association awarded "The Order of the Royal Palm", their highest honor award, to Operation Pedro Pan Group, Inc.

This award is given out on occasion by the La Salle community "to a person or organization in our community that has impacted our local and global community.

This year our Board has unanimously decided that no better organization has done this than the Pedro Pan Group, many of our most notable alumni were brought to Immaculata-La Salle as a result of the movement and they have gone on to become upstanding citizens in our local, state and national communities”.

Two of our OPPG Board Members, Juan Pujol and Frank “Paco” Echeverria were chosen to represent the Board of Directors at the Immaculata-La Salle Hall of Fame Induction Dinner and to accept the award on behalf of the members of Operation Pedro Pan Group, Inc.

California Pedro Pan

Cuban Kids from the 60's Exodus

and

OPPG Trustee Arturo Bueno,

one of the organizers of the event,

celebrated the

50th Anniversary of Operation Pedro Pan

in Downey, CA



A group of California Pedro Pan celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Operation Pedro Pan with a luncheon buffet in Downey, CA.

Almost 200 persons coming from different parts of California and other states, 52 of them Pedro Pan themselves joined in the celebration.

Our own OPPG President, Carmencita Romanach and OPPG Secretary, Maria De La Milera, flew to Los Angeles to join the Cuban Kids from the 60s to participate in this joyful celebration in a spirit of brotherly love and unity.

Maria took this opportunity to visit Maryvale, the orphanage where she spent 4 years of her Pedro Pan experience in Rosemead, CA. It was an emotional and touching visit for her after 43 years of her leaving CA.

You can see pictures and videos of these events at : <http://www.facebook.com/OPPGI>

<http://www.cubankids1960.com/>

Wichita Pedro Pan

The Wichita Pedro Pan are having a 50th Anniversary Reunion on June 23rd to 26th, 2011. There is much enthusiasm in this group that is going to enjoy a weekend full of activities..... Contact Lazaro San Martin 316 640 3421 or Leonardo Viota 305 794 7406 for more information. See invitation below.

OPERACION PEDRO PAN
50th
YEAR REUNION

MARIANA BOYS HOME
WICHITA, KANSAS
★★★★★1961-1968★★★★★

WHEN? : Thursday, June 23 at 3:00pm
& June 26, 2011 at 10:00am

Thursday, June 23rdMariana Home visit 3:00 to 6:00 Dinner at Tommy's Restaurant. Open bar, dance floor, Open dinner Menu.

Friday, June 24thCivic Act of Appreciation to Wichita and others. Ceremony and lunch at Eberly Farm. 10:00 - 4:00.
\$50.00 per person.

Send payment to Valentin Gómez ahead of time or make arrangements with him.
Evening on your own. Spend time with old friends. Open Grouping.

Saturday, June 25th.....Visit and tour of Bishop Carroll at 9:00 AM. Starting at noon Linda and Julian Guerra will host with LECHON ASADO AND TRIMMINGS until you want to leave. Beer provided. Bring other drinks if you care to do so.

Sunday, June 26th.....Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph's Church.
Tour of the grounds after mass. Official end of the event.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Lázaro San Martín 316-640-3421 or Leonardo Viota 305-794-7406.

Albuquerque Pedro Pan

Amigos,

I will appreciate it if you can pass the word that there will be a 50 years reunion organized by Pedro Pans sent to Albuquerque NEXT YEAR! We want to start early so people can reserve these days from work, etc..

Date: Friday, May 18th, Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th, 2012

Where: Albuquerque, block of room in hotel TBD to be reserved for PP's,

EVENTS UNDER PLANNING:

: Viernes: (Optional) tour dirigido en omnibus a la Villa Virgen del Cobre y la Universidad de New Mexico
Alternative: Catching up with friends at hotel by the pool or frolicking about town visiting foster families relatives, etc.
PM. Enjoying margaritas and mariachis at the lounge with long time old friends

Sabado: Tour dirigido a Santa Fe y Taos en bus
PM cena en Santa Fe o Old Town ABQ.

Domingo: AM Misa por celebrada por Fr. Rubio and Fr. Mendez, ambos Pedro Pans.

Early evening Banquete y baile

Lunes: (Optional) Seguimos para el Cañon del Colorado, Las Vegas y-o Tucson Arizona. Volar regreso de Las Vegas a Miami, y otros lugares del Continente.
OPTION: REGRESO A CASA.

Hasta momento tenemos listados: 41, esperamos llegar a 100, todos ESTAN BIENVENIDOS.

Ernesto Perez-Bermudez
Coordinador
305'826-7282

Looking for Pedro Pan:

The following Pedro Pan from Albuquerque, New Mexico have not been found yet. Please contact Ernesto Perez Bermudez at:

gallo46@bellsouth.net or phone: 305-826-7282 if you know where they are:

Johnny de La O (unknown address)
Santiago L. Fernandez Ramos (possible N.J. address)

Calendar of Upcoming Events - OPPG

Saturday, June 18 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: La Casona Restaurant, Miami

Saturday, July 16 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: La Casona Restaurant, Miami

Saturday, September 17 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: La Casona Restaurant, Miami

Saturday, October 15 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: La Casona Restaurant, Miami

Friday, November 18, Conference--Operation Pedro Pan

Place: Miami Beach Resort

Saturday, November 19 - Thanksgiving Dinner-Dance

Place: Miami Beach Resort

Sunday, November 20 - TBA

Place: Miami Beach Resort

Saturday, December 17 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: La Casona Restaurant, Miami

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