

Dear friends,

Our November weekend is around the corner....We are looking forward to our annual Pedro Pan family celebration. If you still have not made your reservations for the activities, there is still a last chance to do so.....but there is not much time left! So hurry up....!! Pedro Pan from all over the United States and even from other countries are coming to celebrate with us a wonderful weekend of bonding, sharing and fun!!!

Please be aware that there are other important events taking place this month: "Miami Conversacion" on Saturday, November 19th from 10 am to 1 pm at the Miami Beach Resort and Spa (as part of OPPG's weekend) . Also, two lectures by our Trustee, Carlos Eire on November 21st (see details below).

Looking forward to meeting with you all....

Carmencita Romanach

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Pedro Pan News



Please join us this month of November as we honor all Pedro Pan who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Also to their children that are currently serving and their families.

They make us proud!



Carmen Valdivia, Dr. Robert Brazofsky and Carmencita Romanach

Dr. Robert C. Brazofsky, District Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills for Miami-Dade County Public Schools announced the creation, in cooperation with Operation Pedro Pan Group, Inc. Historic Committee, of an Operation Pedro Pan Instructional Resources Packet. The curriculum was posted on Dade County Public School's website and can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/briefs/Operation%20Pedro%20Pan%20Instructional%20Resources_BID10752.pdf

The above picture was taken during OPPG's History of Operation Pedro Pan Presentation at Miami-Dade College Kendall Campus on October 20th, 2011.

Dr. Brazofsky made OPP Curriculum announcement at end of our presentation. We are an important part of the history of Cuba and the United States and our grandchildren will learn about our exodus in the classrooms from now on. This is a day to be proud of being a Pedro Pan!

If you are interested in receiving more information about the Pedro Pan Curriculum, contact us at: members@pedropan.org

**Wistful Children, by
Nancy Latham**



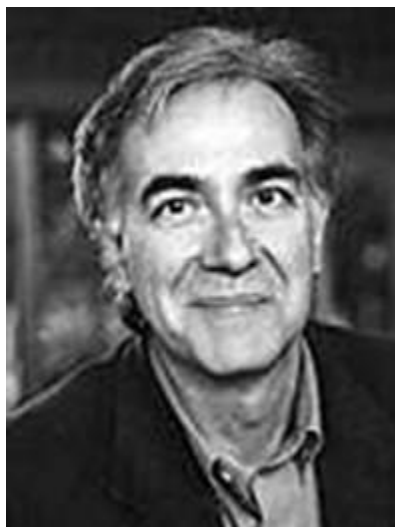
Somos Pedro Pan

Nancy was born in Havana, Cuba and came to the US in 1962 at the age of 15 as part of Operation Pedro Pan. She and her sister Maggie were taken to Florida City and later relocated to New Orleans. Nancy has been recognized as one of the best doll makers in the world by doll collectors in magazines and books. Her collectible dolls, The Wistful Children, are inspired by antique photographs of children. The dolls are costumed to represent these children. The dolls' bodies are made of cotton, while the faces are structured and covered with cloth, and then painted by hand. Nancy has created a pair of dolls inspired by Operation Pedro Pan and designed and produced the collectible dolls named: "Somos Pedro Pan" as a one of kind dolls that she has generously donated to Operation Pedro Pan Group, Inc.

The dolls will be on Exhibit during our November weekend of activities at the Miami Beach Resort and Spa Hotel at Miami Beach, Fl for all to enjoy.

Our thanks to Nancy Pedroso Latham for sharing her art and creativity with her Pedro Pan brothers/sisters. We appreciate her generosity at donating the Collectible Dolls "Somos Pedro Pan" for all Pedro Pan to enjoy, this is truly "a gift from the heart".

For more information on Nancy's creations, go to her website at: <http://www.wistfulchildren.com>



Carlos Eire, our OPPG Trustee, in addition to participating in OPPG Conference: "Operation Pedro Pan: A 50 Year Perspective" on Friday, November 18th, will also be giving a lecture at FIU on Monday, November 21st. at 1 pm about his book: "Learning to die in Miami".

Also, a lecture on Monday, November 21st. at 6:30 pm entitled: "My struggle against lies about Cuba" at ICCAS, Casa Bacardi in Coral Gables (RSVP needed for this lecture).

See more details below about both lectures on Monday, November 21st., 2011:

Date: Monday, November 21, 2011

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Florida International University (FIU)

Maidique Campus, Room GC140

11200 SW 8th St.

Miami, FL

For more information: 305 348 7266

Date: Monday, November 21, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Casa Bacardi

1531 Brescia Ave.

Coral Gables, FL

Please RSVP at: 305 284-CUBA (2822)

ATLANTA PEDRO PAN

The Atlanta Pedro Pan group will not be meeting this month for lunch.

Most of the group will be attending our events in Miami.

Welcome to all of them!!

ALBUQUERQUE PEDRO PAN

The Albuquerque Pedro Pan are planning a Reunion for 2012!!!!!!

They want to find all Pedro Pan who went to Albuquerque.....

Contact us at members@pedropan.org

or Ernesto Perez at: gallo46@bellsouth.net

MAY 18, 19, 20 2012

Looking for Pedro Pan

ATTENTION:

1- If you stayed at St. Raphael Home upon arrival in Miami, and wish to participate in a project to identify pictures from that home, please contact us. Pedro Pan Clemente Amezaga is identifying the pictures and putting all the information together for posterity. He has already done so with the Jesuit Boys Home pictures. This is truly a labor of love for all his Pedro Pan brothers/sisters that he has undertaken. Thanks, Clemente!

2-If any of you have Kendall camp pictures (1961) we would appreciate if you send them to us. This was at the beginning of our Exodus and we don't have many pictures of Kendall camp although we are sure they must be some out there. Have a look in your old albums.....and share the pictures with us!!

If you have any information or wish to participate in the projects above, please contact us at: members@pedropan.org

Friday, November 18, Conference-History of Operation Pedro Pan/Fiesta Cubana Cocktail Party.

Place: Miami Beach Resort and Spa, Miami Beach, FI

Saturday, November 19 - at 10 AM- Miami Conversacion

Place: Miami Beach Resort and Spa, Miami Beach, FI

Saturday, November 19 - Thanksgiving Dinner-Dance

Place: Miami Beach Resort and Spa, Miami Beach, FI

Sunday, November 20 at 3 PM- Thanksgiving Mass

Place: Inmaculada/LaSalle High School, Miami, FI

Saturday, December 17 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: La Casona Restaurant, Miami

Tuesday, December 20, at 7 PM- Memorial Mass for Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh

Place: St. Michael Catholic Church, Miami

Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 10 AM - Toy Distribution

Place: Centro Hispano Catolico Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh Day

Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 10 AM - Desayuno Martiano

Place: Felix Varela Hall, 3609 South Miami Ave., Miami, Fl

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