

Dear friends,

We have prepared a wonderful weekend of activities for November and wish that you can come and share some time with us. We usually receive a large number of Pedro Pan from out of town at this time. It is a pleasure for us to share this common bond that unites us and it is difficult to explain to other persons. Last year we "occupied" the Miami Beach Resort and Spa and you couldn't go anywhere without getting a hug from another Pedro Pan, it was absolutely a fun weekend for all that attended. It never ceases to amaze me personally, how the ones that are a little bit shy, because "I don't know anybody" are the ones that have the most fun! It is a wonderful feeling to find you have 14,000 brothers and sisters and the feeling of "I belong" is definitively there for all of those that come to share this time with us. The final "Conga" at the end of our Dinner Dance Gala is a very powerful statement. Your feet just go.....and you can't stop yourself from dancing....the final proof that we have it in us....that Cuban root that nobody can take out of us, because God put it there.....to cherish it forever...

Attached is a Reservation Form that you can print to send your checks payable to: Operation Pedro Pan Group Inc., the address to send it to is included at the bottom of the Reservation Form.

Please note that we will be doing Operation Pedro Pan Panel Presentations this month again, as part of the Hispanic Heritage Month activities in several Colleges and Universities. All Pedro Pan are welcome to participate in this Presentations. See information below.

Hoping to see you all soon....
Carmencita Romanach

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October 4, 2011

Pedro Pan News

Operation Pedro Pan Group, Inc.

November Weekend Agenda

Friday, November 18

Conference:

Operation Pedro Pan: A 50 Year Perspective

Miami Beach Resort and Spa

Starlight Room – 8:30 AM to 4 PM

Cost: \$50.00 per person, *includes breakfast and lunch*

Selected books authored by the speakers will be available for purchase and signing

Fiesta Cubana Cocktail Party

Miami Beach Resort and Spa

Oceanview Room - 7:00 to 11:30 PM

Music by: Angel Cañete's Son y Salsa DJ

Cost: \$30 per person, *includes dinner*

Men, Guayaberas

Ladies, Island Casual

Saturday, November 19

Pedro Pan Cubanismo

Dominoes, cigars, music, etc

Miami Beach Resort and Spa

Oceanview Room - 11 AM to 5PM

Lunch available 11-2

Annual Thanksgiving Gala

Miami Beach Resort and Spa

Cocktail Reception

Grand Promenade Ballroom - 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Dinner- Dance

Mediterranean Ballroom – 7:30 PM to 2 AM

Carlos Oliva and los Sobrinos del Juez

Angel Cañete's Son y Salsa DJ

Bacardi Bar

Cost: \$60 per person, *cocktail/dinner-dance/bar*

Sunday, November 20

Thanksgiving Mass

3:00 PM

Immaculata/LaSalle High School

Celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Building Dedication:

Following Mass

Immaculata/LaSalle High School

Original La Salle building dedication as:

Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh Humanities Pavillion

Reception by the Bay

Following Building Dedication

Immaculata/LaSalle High School

General Information:

Immaculata/LaSalle High School

3601 South Miami Avenue
Miami, FL 33133

[305 854 2334](tel:3058542334)

For Hotel Reservations contact the Hotel directly at:

Miami Beach Resort and Spa

4833 Collins Avenue

Miami Beach, Florida 33140

Phone: [305 532 3600](tel:3055323600)

Ask for the Reservations Desk

Code: **Pedro Pan.**

There is a limited number of rooms reserved for us at the special rate of \$129 per night double room.

If you have any problems during the Reservation Process, please contact

Meiling Owe at

mowe@luxuryresorts.com and she will be able to help you.

For more information about our Events, e-mail us at: members@pedropan.org

or call: 305 554 7196

Pedro Pan Way at Miami Lakes, Fl

Please join us as we celebrate the first Pedro Pan Way!

Here you can see a group of proud Pedro Pan

with Mayor Michael Pizzi Jr.

on September 24th, 2011





Beautiful sign that remembers our Exodus for posterity.....

for our children and grandchildren...

**OPPG awarded
Caridad Ojeda Vilano Scholarship
to Barry University student
Nicole Paez
on September 17th, 2011**



Congratulations, Nicole!

Operation Pedro Pan Panel Presentations

During the month of October and to commemorate

Hispanic Heritage Month,

OPPG will be presenting

the history of Operation Pedro Pan

at different Colleges and Universities.

All Pedro Pan are welcome to attend this presentations.....

See details below:

Date: Thursday, October 6th, 2011

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Place: Miami Dade College, North Campus

11380 NW 27th Ave., Miami, Fl

Room 2158, Building 2

Date: Thursday, October 20th, 2011

Time: 11:00 am-1:00pm

Place: Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus

11011 SW 104th St., Miami, Fl

Room K 413

Date: Monday, October 24th, 2011

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Miami Dade College, Homestead Campus

500 College Terrace, Homestead, Miami, Fl

Room F 222

Date: Tuesday, October 25th, 2011

Time: 8:25 to 9:40 am

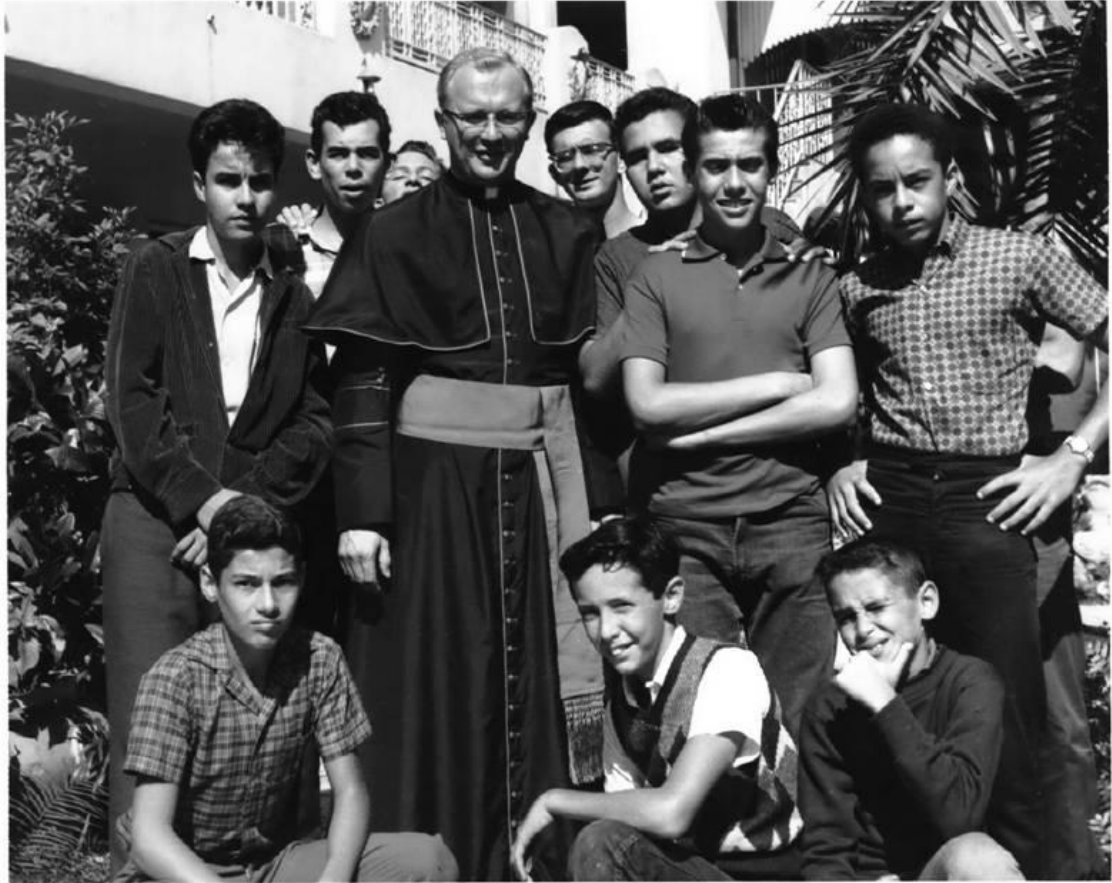
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Telling our story to the newer generations is part of Our Mission Statement and we are committed to let our Exodus be known in an accurate way as a legacy to our children and grandchildren and to honor our parents and all the persons involved as a sign of gratitude.

More presentations to be announced soon....



Barry University

Archives and Special Collections

On the Occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the passing away of Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh and along with the commemorative events of the fiftieth anniversary of the Operation Pedro Pan Program throughout this year, Barry University Archives and Special Collections will host an exhibit that displays Monsignor Walsh's personal papers.

The exhibit - a tribute to Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh life and achievements - includes photographs, publications, awards and memorabilia.

Visitors may view the exhibit in the Archives and Special Collections Department, on the second floor of Lehman Hall, at Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida, through November 4, 2011. Archives is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special arrangements can be made for OPPG members if necessary.

If you should need any assistance, please contact:
Ximena Valdivia

Barry University Archives and Special Collections
11300 NE Second AVE
Miami Shores, FL 33161
305-899-3027
xvaldivia@mail.barry.edu
archives@mail.barry.edu

Atlanta Pedro Pan

The Reunion was held on October 2nd, 2011

at:

Atlanta Cuban Club

5797 New Peachtree Road

Doraville, GA 30340

The group meets every first Sunday of the month

at different places.

All Pedro Pan and their children are welcome to come....

Lunch at 1 p.m. (requires RSVP)

For more information on next meeting:

Emy Botet at ebotet@yahoo.com 404 775 0440

If you are visiting Atlanta.....just drop by and meet this fun group of Pedro Pan
that live in Atlanta.

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-Susan Huber McGregor is trying to locate Pedro Pan children that went to St. John's Academy in Colfax, Washington, she wrote the following note:

My name is Susan Huber McGregor, and I, along with others, am putting together a St. John's Academy Reunion. From 1962-1965 there were 65 Cuban children living at the Academy. We've had a very difficult time tracking them. The Academy closed in 1966. I was older and didn't attend the Academy during those years.

2-Betty Gonzalez Penton is trying to locate Pedro Pan from Central Tuinucu for a get together next summer.

If you have any information or comments for Betty or Susan send them to: members@pedropan.org

Thursday, October 6 at 8 PM - OPP Panel Presentation

Place: Miami Dade College, North Campus (Room 2158 Building 2), 11380 NW 27th Ave., Miami

Tuesday, October 11 - OPP Panel Presentation

Place: Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, Miami

This presentation is not open to the public

Saturday, October 15 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: La Casona Restaurant, Miami, 9608 SW 72nd. St., Miami

Thursday, October 20 at 11 AM - OPP Panel Presentation

Place: Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus, Room K 413, 11011 SW 104th St., Miami

Monday, October 24 at 10AM- OPP Panel Presentation

Place: Miami Dade College, Homestead Campus, Room F 222, 500 College Terrace, Homestead, FI

Tuesday, October 25 at 8:25 AM- OPP Panel Presentation

Place: Miami Dade College, North Campus Room 2158 Building 2, 11380 NW 27th Ave., Miami

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 - 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

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