



LOS FLORIDANOS NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY BREAKFAST GET- TOGETHER

PLACE: International House Of Pancakes

2600 Ponce de Leon Blvd (US 1, N)

St. Augustine

DATE: February 7, 2004

TIME: 9:30 am.

The Monthly Breakfast get-together will center on planning for the Menendez Festival.

Please try to be there. I know you'll enjoy our new location and extensive menu. Additional parking is available at the rear of restaurant.

Notice To All Board Members, we will gather for a short meeting immediately following the Breakfast. Please plan to attend.

NEW OPERATIONAL PLANS FOR THE YEAR 2004

We will continue to meet the first Saturday of every month for an informal Breakfast and social hour at 9:30am. We hope you will look forward to getting together with all your relatives and share thoughts, information, and laughs.

We will currently plan on having two large events each year; the Menendez Birthday Luncheon and St. Augustine's Birthday celebration. Also sponsored, will be two scheduled speaker forums each year, which will be open to the public.

We will send out four in-depth, newsletters each year with historical information and new discoveries instead of the current monthly issues. There will not be any monthly notice of meetings unless plans are changed. It is important that you post the Calendar of Events to your personal calendar.

We feel these adjustments will be helpful in bringing our members a more meaningful experience and provide activities that will cater to a diverse group of interest.

CLUB BUSINESS

Annual membership fees (\$15) are due at this time. These dues are for Year 2004. We would like to publish a Membership Directory, so be sure to get your dues in so that you will be included in the directory. Your dues can be paid at the Breakfast Meeting or mailed to P.O. Box 4043, St. Aug, Fl 32085

Email addresses need to be updated, so please email me so I can capture your email address and also include it in the directory.

Los Floridanos Gear will be available at the February Breakfast Meeting, including hats. The Menendez Festival is a great time for us to dress in our medallions, hats, and shirts.

Menendez Birthday Festival

It's *Festival* time! The Menendez Birthday Festivities will be Feb. 27th thru Feb. 29th.

We will again host a Friday Luncheon for visiting Spanish and Menorcan dignitaries and performers. The Luncheon will be open to the public. Members and guest need to make reservations by sending a check to P.O. Box 4043, St. Augustine, Fl 32085 or paying at the February Breakfast. Cost for attendees will be \$7.00. Make your reservations now so we may have a good count. Be sure to come and enjoy! Last year we had 85 attendees with live entertainment.

Don't forget to wear your Los Floridanos gear during the weekend. Our flags will also be flying on the Bridge of Lions and Bayfront in honor of our descendants, if you haven't seen them you won't want to miss them. It's a moving sight.

Below is a schedule of most of the events

Friday, February 27

12:00 Los Floridanos Luncheon for Dignitaries and Es Reboast at Government House

NOCHE NAUTICA (Nautical Night)

Celebration, on the Bavfront, Plaza & Colonial Spanish Quarter Museum,

FIESTA EL CAPITAN (Party for the Captain)

At Colonial Spanish Quarter Museum

Public Invited – Free admission

4:00 pm Naval Junior ROTC Unit, Nease High School.

Menendez High School Marching Band march up St. George Street, Cuna Street to Bayfront; then South Lawn of the Castillo de San Marcos.

Ships assemble at Porpoise Point.

Escort of dignitaries from Fort to Bayfront by re-enactors.

ES REBOST and **Paso Fino Stallion horses** participate.

(Additional escort leads audience from Spanish Quarter to Bayfront)

5:00 pm Patriotic Opening - Bayfront, Castillo de San Marcos south lawn.

Navy Band Southeast of Jacksonville

Official Opening - Mayor George Gardner

Honors to dignitaries \

Spanish & U.S. National Anthems - Mayors salute colors

5:30pm **Outback Crabshack** starts serving dinner with Cervezas and Sangria. Reasonably priced dinner till tickets available.

Closing **Entertainment** starts with Sea Shantey song fest, and Archeologist Chester DePratter's Demonstration.

Men of Menendez (16th century re-enactors)

At the Bavfront

5:30pm **Salute & Herald** to ships - cannon fire from Castillo

Ships empty guns as a sign of friendship, Bayfront re-enactors return salutes.

Arrival and introduction of ships.

Don Pedro Menendez disembarks from his ship.

Volly of Joy – re-enactors, gun and cannon fire end the evening.

Dignitaries and **ES REBOST** are escorted from the bayfront to the Colonial Spanish Quarter gate.

6:30pm **FIESTA EL CAPITAN continues in Colonial Spanish Quarter Museum**

till Renactors, captains & crew gather for **Captain's Party**.

8:15 pm Champion stallions of the **Paso Fino Breeders Club** dance to Luis Mario's Latin Band High School. **Drama Students** perform.

Flamenco de La Costa dancing.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

DISEMBARKMENT OF MENENDEZ FROM HIS SHIP & GRAN PASEO PARADE

At the Colonial Spanish Quarter Museum

10:30am

FIESTA EL CAPITAN continues with food by Outback Crabshack.

Living History Pavilion demonstrates life in the 16th Century.

Theatre Wagon - Com media dell'Arte.

History Stories, Jugglers, Fire-eater, Jesters, Crafters, Dancers

Sangria & Beer sales

At the Bayfront



11: 15 am Dignitary Procession from Aviles Street-to Bayfront,
ES REBOST sings on the Bayfront.
Don Pedro Menendez disembarks from his ship.

12:00 GRAN PASEO (Grand Parade) down the Bayfront with Menendez leading.

At the Plaza de la Constitucion

12:40pm Birthday greetings from the King's Balcony, Government House.
Proclamation and Introduction of visiting dignitaries.
Menendez and parade continues up St. George Street.

At Colonial Spanish Quarter Museum

FIESTA EL CAPITAN continues with food by Outback Crabshack.

1:15pm Concert by St. Augustine High School Guitar Ensemble
Performances by Paso Fino stallion, El Chino del Batey,

2:00pm ES REBOST performs
Commedia del'Arte performs on stage, 16th century comedy
Best Look Alike Menendez mustache and beard contest, poster signing
Maribel with Aire de Sevilla dance Sevillanas, Murrell Weissinger
High School drama students perform.

4:30pm Champion stallion horses, Paso Fino Breeders Club dance.
Local Entertainment.

NOCHE DE GALA At the Lightner Museum

7:00 pm 16th Century Masked Ball, the Lightner Museum. Ticketed event. Reservations(904-825-5087)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 29

At the Colonial SiJanish Quarter Museum

10: 30am to 5:00 pm

FIESTA EI CAPITAN continues with food by Outback Crabshack.
Champion stallion horses of the Paso Fino Breeder's Club
High School Drama Students perform
Local dance or music

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please post these events to your calendar so you will have them for the next few months. The Calendar of Events will be updated with every Newsletter so you will always be well informed on activities.

- Feb. 7,** Breakfast Meeting
9:30 am, International House of Pancakes
- Feb. 17,** Government House Library Project
9:00 am, at Government House
- Feb. 27,** Luncheon for Delegation from Spain and Menorca
Noon, at Government House Garden and adjoining Sala.
- Feb. 27-29** Menendez Birthday Festival
- Mar. 6** Breakfast Meeting
9:30 am, International House of Pancakes
- Mar. 15** Government House Library Project
9:00 am, at Government House
- Apr. 2** Breakfast Meeting
9:30 am, International House of Pancakes
- Apr. 20** Government House Library Project



7.00 am, at Government House