



Los Floridanos Society, Inc.

Florida's First Spanish Families 1565-1763
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Society News Updates

June 2006

It has been an exciting start to 2006 for the Los Floridanos Society. We began the year with nominations and elections of the 2006 Officers and Board members for the society. They are: Richard (Dick) Rousseau, President/Chairman of the Board; Tom Rogero, Vice President/Board Member; Judith Bailey, Recording Secretary/Board Member; Margaret Rogero Hastings, Corresponding Secretary/Board Member; Anita Schenck, Treasurer/Board Member; Chris Garrett, Board Member; and Linda Brown, Past President/Board Member. The board is looking forward to the remainder of 2006 and hoping for everyone's support and involvement.

We know that for reasons of distance, previous commitments, illness, etc., not everyone will be able to attend the membership breakfasts. So how can you be involved?

- ❖ As always, your financial support is appreciated.
- ❖ Invite descendants of the Sanchez/Solana/Solano families to join the organization.
- ❖ Document your descendant. Write down a happy or nostalgic memory (or 2) of your descendant father/mother or grandfather/grandmother. It doesn't have to be long a few paragraphs. We as a society are looking to preserve the stories of the past in this fast changing city. If it is not documented it will be lost forever.
- ❖ Make your old photos available of your Sanchez/Solana/Solano descendant to the society. We would make copies at our expense and return the original unharmed.
- ❖ Sharing genealogy information of your descendant's family.

So you see, there are many ways you can be involved with the Los Floridanos Society.

Our president, Dick Rousseau, was able to schedule a speaker at the May and June membership breakfasts. At the May meeting, Bill Adams, PhD, Director of St. Augustine Trust for Historical Preservation, spoke on the topic of "Historic Preservation of Buildings in St. Augustine". And, at the June membership breakfast, Charles Tingley, Manager of the St. Augustine Historical Research Library spoke to us about our heritage and the resources that are available for research. We thank you Dick for scheduling these two informative speakers. Hey Sanchez/Solana/Solano descendants, do you know of anyone who has heritage/genealogy/historical information that they would want to share with us as a presenter at a membership breakfast? The pay is not much (a free breakfast) but the Los Floridanos Society is always ready to listen.

CALENDAR

The Board of Los Floridanos Society is pleased to announce the calendar for the remaining months of 2006. The following dates are when the Society will have membership breakfasts at the **IHOP Restaurant**; 2600 Ponce DeLeon Blvd.; St. Augustine, FL at **9:30 AM**.

Saturday, **July 1st** – Dick Rousseau will discuss the Solana Family History being researched at the Historical Library.

Saturday, **August 5th** – Paul Williamson, Public Relations Director, City of St Augustine, will speak on the Menendez Landing Program.

There will not have a membership breakfast in September, but we will have a family picnic on Saturday, **September 9, 2006** at Fort Matanzas Park at 11:00 AM.

Saturday, **October 7th**

Saturday, **November 4th**

Saturday, **December 2nd** (Christmas Breakfast or maybe a Luncheon. This will be decided by the membership at an upcoming breakfast.)

Please post these dates on your calendar!

YOUR HELP PLEASE

As mentioned in the calendar above, the society will host a family picnic on September 9th. We are looking for input from our members. Would you, **1)** want to bring all your picnic foods and supplies to provide for your family in attendance, **OR, 2)** would you prefer to bring a covered dish (large enough to feed 6 or more) to share with all and have the Los Floridanos Society provide the meat and paper goods? (For choice number 2, you would also need to supply your own drinks.) Please e-mail the Society at our website or drop a note in the mail addressed to the P.O. Box. A consensus will be arrived at and will be announced in enough time for you to make your plans.

INVITATION

The Diocese of St. Augustine invites the members of the Los Floridanos Society to be special guests at the annual LANDING OF MENENDEZ on Saturday, September 2, 2006 at 10 AM at the Mission Nombre de Dios located at 27 San Marco Avenue.

The “Landing” commemorates Pedro Menendez’s landing in St. Augustine on September 8, 1565 and is the beginning of the city’s history as the oldest city in America. It also marks our beginning as the oldest families in America.

Los Floridanos members will be seated in a special guest area and will be acknowledged as the descendents of the first Spanish families of St. Augustine.

The morning event begins at 10:00 am with choral music, the landing of Menendez and mass celebrated as it was and on the same spot 441 years earlier on September 8 1565. The event will conclude by noon.

Please plan to arrive by 9:30 am to ensure your reserved seat.

INVITATION Continued

Los Floridanos will need to know how many of our members will be attending this event. PLEASE, e-mail your response/reservation to the web site or respond by mail to the P.O. Box by August 1st. Don't forget to wear your medallion if you have one. Let's support our heritage and have the best turn out ever!

REUNION NEWS

We are hoping to resume the Solana/Solano/Sanchez family reunion in the spring of 2007. The planning, preparation and presentation of this event is a large undertaking and the Los Floridanos is looking for your support. We are looking for suggestions for a venue to hold the reunion, a speaker/presenter/entertainment, whether you would want to pay a cover charge to have the event catered or would you want it to be a covered dish type of event. Please think about what you can do to help.

The Board Members feel that holding a Florida's First Spanish Families Reunion every other year would be more manageable. In holding a reunion every other year we are hoping for larger turnouts.

LOS FLORIDANOS SHIRTS

Board member, Chris Garrett, is the "one man committee" looking into the possibility of having shirts for sale with the Los Floridanos Logo. He is polling the membership to see exactly what type of shirt, what size, and what color you as a membership would be interested in

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please mark on the line next to your choice the type of shirt and size you would like. (In case we cannot find the shirt in the style, size and color you that you want, please mark 1 as your first choice and 5 being your last choice.)

MEN: Polo _____ T-Shirt _____

WOMEN: Polo _____ T-Shirt _____ V-Neck Tee _____

Crew Neck Tee _____

SIZE: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ XX-Large _____

COLOR: Black _____ White _____ Red _____ Yellow _____ Kakhi _____