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LOS FLORIDANOS NEWSLETTER

By *Linda Solana Barber*

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Annual Fall Picnic

Come join us on Saturday, November 15, 11:00 am at Fort Matanzas National Park for our annual picnic.

Bring a side dish, salad or dessert and the club will furnish the meat. , Please bring drinks for your group. We'll furnish the meat, paper goods and flatware. Tables and benches are there but you might also want to bring a lawn chair.

Last year we had our largest gathering and hopefully this year's event will be even larger. It's a great time to enjoy your relatives and friends. Do feel free to bring family and friends of all ages. It's a great time for the family children to meet each other.

Contact me at 904-471-6233 with questions.

Membership Renewal Time

It's that time of year where everyone wants your money. It's time to renew your membership. We will collect membership fees from November thru January for the year 2004. It's a good time to get family members who aren't members to join also. Please send dues to P.O. Box 4043, St. Augustine, Fl 32085.or pay at our monthly meetings. We've come a long way since 2000!

Family News

Family members in San Mateo are welcoming and anticipating new additions to their family.

Abbey and David Howell and Grandmother, Patricia Henry welcomes new addition, Emma. Emma is also the niece of member Kathy Garrett and cousin of Christopher Garrett.

Kathy 's daughter is also expecting a baby next year. Emma will have a new playmate and cousin. Christopher will get plenty of practice for future events tending to Emma and his sister's new baby.

October Meeting

Our October meeting had 18 members in attendance. We would have had 19 but Judy Allen got lost and didn't know we were in the banquet room. She's another Solana/Sanchez combination. It must be the double genes that cause the confused behavior. Oh well, we missed her!

We had a surprise! Charles and Gaybe brought a cousin visiting from California. Even though we love to have visitors, the surprise was that he was a descendent of a new Los Floridanos family we have been trying to identify.

Los Floridanos Shirts and Gear are available for the Holidays!

We have the Los Floridanos logo on the following:

Golf Shirts	\$25.00	Caps	\$10.00
Totes	\$8.50 & \$11.00	Medallions.....	\$15.00
Solana or Sanchez Banners	\$18.00	Los Floridanos Flags	\$35.00

These will make wonderful Christmas gifts. We are open for any other items you would like to embroider with the Los Floridanos logo. This project raises funds for our group and helps us keep our membership dues low. We will use some of this money to host a luncheon for our members and the Spanish delegation that comes to St. Augustine in February for the Menendez Festival.

New Los Floridanos Family Line

Stephen Renouf is a descendant of the Dias family and as most of us are, is a mixture of Spanish and Menorcan heritage. Below is an outline of his genealogy. We welcome your information Stephen, and hope you will keep us informed on any new info you uncover!

Luis Dias M. Maria de los Reyes

Juan Dias (b. 1599 St. Augustine) M. Maria de Arfian on 7/18/1623 St. Augustine

Maria Ramirez Arfian (b. 1/3/1627) M. Jacinto Rodriguez (of Soria, Spain) on 2/17/1648 St. Augustine

Maria Rodriguez de Arfian (b.c. 1650 St. Augustine) M. Francisco de Aguilar (of Ecija, Spain) on 4/20/1667 St. Augustine

Maria de Aguilar (b. 2/16/1672 St. Augustine) M. Cabo de Esquadra Jose Antonio Rodriguez (of Seville, Spain) on 10/4/1704 St. Augustine

Ysabel Gerbacia Rodriguez (b. 10/1/1706 St. Augustine) M. Pedro Gonzalez (of Orense, Spain) on 3/2/1733 St. Augustine

Juan Crisostomo Gonzalez (b. 1/30/1740 St. Augustine) M. Juana Montes de Oca (b. 1/22/1742 St. Augustine) c. 1768 Havana, Cuba

In 1763, Spain lost Florida, and the Gonzalez and Montes de Oca families moved to Havana, Cuba

Juan Eugenio Gonzalez Montes de Oca (b. 1769 Havana, Cuba) M. Maria Carreras (b. 12/23/1781 St. Augustine) on 10/5/1795 St. Augustine

In 1783, Spain recovered Florida, and Juana Montes de Oca (now a widow) moved her family back to St. Augustine. Juan Gonzalez married the daughter of New Smyrna colonists Josep Carreras and Joana Andreu.

Fernanda Gonzalez (b. 7/2/1799 St. Augustine) M. Sebastian Oliveros (b. 3/29/1800 St. Augustine) on 11/4/1823 St. Augustine

Bartolo F. Oliveros (b. 11/10/1831 St. Augustine) M. Carolina Avice (b. 7/8/1833 St. Augustine) on 1/4/1855 St. Augustine

Leonilla M. Oliveros (b. 10/22/1876 St. Augustine) M. Fred C. Usina (b. 1/16/1875 St. Augustine) on 9/16/1896 St. Augustine

Alma Isabel Usina (b. 9/14/1897 St. Augustine) M. William F. Blue (b. 1893 Ocala) on 6/14/1916 St. Augustine

Leonilla R. Blue (my grandmother)

I know that the Rodriguez, Gonzalez and Montes de Oca families all came back to Florida in 1783, so there are probably other descendants of this line besides my immediate family.

Sebastian Oliveros was the founder of the family in America. So all the St. Augustine Oliveroses would qualify for Los Floridanos.

Future Calendar of Events

Nov. 15, 11:00 am Fall Picnic at Fort Matanzas.

DEC. 6, CHRISTMAS PARTY.

JAN 10, JANUARY MEETING.

JAN 20, GOVERNMENT HOUSE WORK PROJECT