

# "...y la familia?"

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New baby  
Engagement  
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New address

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**Article, Photos and Fillers**

Nostalgic stories

Photos and artwork

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Cute things your kids



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**15 de enero del 2011. Carta electrónica de René Rivera:** Querida Prima Norma, Con lagrimas en mis ojos y mucho dolor en mi alma te escribo para darte la noticia de Cheska. Mi querida nieta se me fue a la morada del Señor anoche después que fue la estrella de un juego de baloncesto contra la UPR. Llegó a su casa y se metió al baño y le dio un ataque epiléptico. Se cayó y falleció. Hoy estamos haciendo los arreglos necesarios para verla en la funeraria Shalom tan pronto medicina forense nos la entregue. Como tú bien sabes, era la hija única de Joshua, y estaba en la universidad Católica de Ponce en su segundo año. Era gran deportista y muy sirviente de nuestro Señor Jesús. Por favor, una oración para mi hermosa Cheska, que descanse en paz. Amén.

**January 15, 2011. E-mail from René Rivera:** Dear Cousin Norma, With tears in my eyes and much pain in my soul I write to give you the news about Cheska. My dear granddaughter left me for the Lord's dwelling last night after she was the star of a basketball game against the UPR. She arrived at her house and went in to take a shower and she had an epileptic attack. She fell and died. Today we are making the necessary arrangements to view her in the funeral home Shalom as soon as forensic medicine releases her to us. As you well know, she was the only daughter of Joshua, and she was in her second year at the Catholic University in Ponce. She was a great sports-woman and a great servant of our Lord Jesus. Please, [say] a prayer for my beautiful Cheska, may she rest in peace. Amen.

As the news of Francheska's passing spread, condolences started pouring in via Facebook postings—some were posted on her Facebook page—and direct correspondence or phone calls with the family in Puerto Rico. Here are a few of the messages:

**Ada Rivera Pacheco:** Franche mami inesperadamente has partido...y con mucho dolor te recordaremos siempre y en nuestros corazones vivirás ...con gratos recuerdos y orgullosos de lo q siempre fuiste...tu prima

**Charice Rivera:** My lil angel...my heart is in pieces and life will never be the same cause my heart will always miss a lil piece. I love you so much and I'll miss our talks, ur laugh, omg I miss you so much!!! You'll always live in my heart!!! I was very lucky 2 be your cousin!!! The kids love their titi Cheska and I know they r gonna miss u a lot... My lil angel... R.I.P Prima de mi alma :\*(

**Edwin Rivera:** Cheska, we will miss u greatly. Love u always. Make that protect you and love you always.



**Ada Rivera Pacheco:** Cheska..mamita Dios te ha llamado para estar con el xq fuiste una persona bn especial,luchadora y emprendedora..Dios te guardaba tanto q quería q estuvieras con el aunque acá abajo sea de gran dolor para nosotros,allá estarás mejor q nosotros....debes estar súper feliz xq estas con papito joshua ahh!!! Pero nos queda un gran vacío ps te dabas a querer en cualquier rinconcito q estuvieras presente...en nuestros corazones vivirás siempre...i love you ♥ RiP cheska ...el señor te acompañe y te tenga en su Gloria



**Meryem Merritt:** Vanessa called me with the very sad news on Sat. I loved Francheska from the very minute I met her. It's a tragic loss for the entire family.

**Vicky Caban:** Dejastes un gran vacío en mí . Te extraño mucho Cheska. Love Titi Vicky. Que descanses en paz mi princesa.

**Joi Stenroos:** Such a beautiful person is now in the comfort of God's hands. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Rivera family for the loss of Francheska.

**Kathleen Merritt:** That is absolutely so sad...We were friends on Facebook and I know we chatted a few times when we first became friends. She seemed a very beautiful person just talking to her. Many prayers to her family for the death of one so young and full of life. The loss is hard but they can take comfort in the fact that she is with the Lord.

**Norma Pettit:** Francheska, your stateside cousins that met you loved you so much! In the words of cousin Meryem Merritt (prima hermana de tu abuelo Rene), "I loved Francheska from the minute I met her." Words can't express how much our hearts are hurting for the entire Rivera clan. You touched so many lives in your brief time here on earth, and were an inspiration to all those who struggle with any kind of adversity to keep strong and pushing forward. We will all miss you so much!

### *Messages from a Grandfather's Heart—Postings and Letters by René Rivera*

Conocemos a las personas, pero ciertas cosas lo saben otros y uno no. Hoy Titi fue con Vicky al Dr. y una persona en la oficina que es la que Titi tiene que ver primero que trabaja allí, vio a Titi en la funeraria y se asombró de que Cheska fuese su nieta, y era que esta persona pertenece a la misma iglesia que Cheska. Hoy esta persona le comenta a Vicky y a Titi de que Cheska cuando estaba predicando y dando testimonio decía siempre la falta que le hacía su papá, de que su ausencia le causaba un gran vacío en su alma y que quería estar con él. La vez que yo la llevé a Carrollton a esta fiesta familiar que tanto disfruté y se gozó con su segunda madre como le decía ella a la prima Meryem, hija de Uncle Bob y Tía Anita Merritt. Ese día todo estaba muy bien y entre tantas persona de momento se encontró sola y exclamó llorando sin contenerse, "Me hace falta mi papá." Feliz te encuentras hoy que estás compartiendo con tu padre, Joshua. No más soledad en silencio. Todo lo tenías en este plano y dimensión, con tanta gente que tú les causabas gran admiración. Pero dentro de tu corazón un vacío estaba quemando tus pensamientos y hoy tienes ese encuentro que tu tanto anhelabas.

Jan. 19, 2011: We know people, but certain things others know and we don't. Today Titi went to the doctor with Vicky and an office employee there had seen Titi in the funeral home and had been surprised that Cheska was her granddaughter because this person belonged to the same church as Cheska. Today this person commented to Vicky and Titi that when Cheska was preaching and giving her testimony in church she always said that she missed her dad, that his absence caused a great emptiness in her soul and that she wanted to be with him. The time that I took Cheska to Carrollton to the family reunion she enjoyed it so much and had fun with her second mother, as she called Cousin Meryem, daughter of Uncle Bob and Auntie Anita Merritt. That day everything was fine and among so many people she all of a sudden felt alone and started crying, exclaiming, "I miss my dad." Happy are you today, together with your father, Joshua. No more silent loneliness. You had it all in this plane and dimension, with so many people that admired you. But inside your heart there was an emptiness burning your thoughts and today you have that encounter that you so desired.

## *Messages from a Grandfather's Heart—Postings and Letters by René Rivera, Cont.*

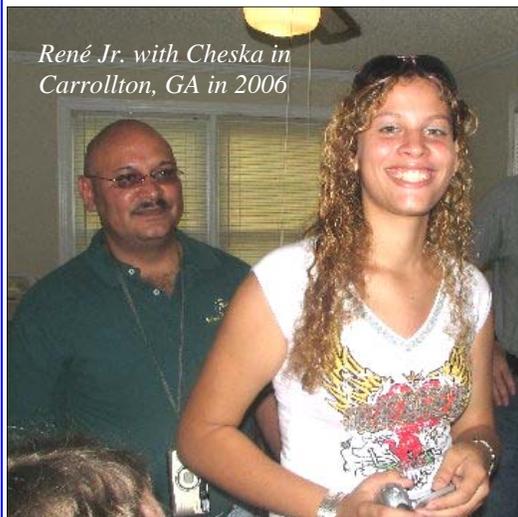
*Todos nosotros gozamos y hacemos tiempo y mucho sacrificio y nos esmeramos para prepararnos para las tan esperada reuniones familiares. Viajamos en tren, avión, carro y del modo que sea y nos jubilamos con este gran evento. Aportamos dinero, comida, golosinas y todo los mejores manjares para presentarlos a nuestros seres más queridos y esto está bien visto por Dios, ya que son cosas que las hacemos que un gran amor y respeto para los nuestros. Franchesca quería hacer una reunión muy especial, pero no tenía nada material para deleitar a su amada y grandiosa familia. Y decidió entregarse ella como ofrenda especial invitando a todos, la gran familia a reunirse en este evento tan especial para ella. Logró no tan sólo reunir su amada familia, si no también a sus amistades, sus compañeros del equipo de baloncesto, sus amigos del diario vivir, los de su congregación religiosa, los de los primeros días de su infancia y también los lejanos primos, tíos, tías, los del colegio, y toda una gama de personas de todos los niveles sociales. ¡Que chica esta! Como se nos adelantó y se presentó a Dios como toda una majestuosa reina, jugadora que jugará en ese equipo tan elite de los ángeles de Dios. Que fiesta tan hermosa y que manera de reunir a tantos seres amados.*

We all enjoy and make time and much sacrifice, and we strive to prepare for those long awaited family reunions. We travel by train, plane, car, and any way we can and we thoroughly enjoy that great event. We give money, food, treats, and all the best dishes to present to our loved ones, and this is pleasing to God since we do it out of love and respect for our family. Francheska wanted to have a very special reunion, but she didn't have the means to please her great and loved family. So she offered herself so that all could be invited to gather at this special event for her. She managed to gather not only her beloved family, but also her friends, her fellow basketball players, people from her church, those from her childhood, her distant cousins, aunts, uncles, people from the university, and a whole collection of people from all social levels. What a girl! She went ahead of us and presented herself to God like a majestic queen, an athlete that will play in that elite team of God's angels. What a beautiful party and what a way of gathering so many loved ones together.

*El primer día de presentación el la funeraria fue a la una de la tarde. Lentamente se empezó a ver el público que llegaba y entre los primeros 15 estaba el Presidente de La Universidad Católica con su distinguida esposa y regresó al otro día también. Eso no es todo. en la funeraria hay 5 ó 6 capillas y su estacionamiento es enorme. Este día desde la una de la tarde hasta las 12 de la noche, no cabía un vehículo más y cerraron la entrada y se llenó los lados de la carretera y no no cabían más, y se llenó el parquet de pelota frente a la funeraria. Lo grande de esto es que Francheska era la única persona que se estaba velando ese día. El dueño de la funeraria dijo que jamás había visto tantas personas en su local, el mismo estimó que entrando y saliendo pasaron los dos mil.*

The first day of the viewing started at 1:00 p.m. People started arriving, and within the first 15 minutes the President of the Catholic University arrived with his distinguished wife and he returned the next day, also. Not only that, the funeral home has 5 or 6 chapels and a huge parking lot. That day, from 1:00 p.m. to midnight the parking lot was full and they closed the entrance to it, and the side streets were filled, and the park across the street was filled. What is amazing is that only Francheska was being viewed that day. The funeral home owner said that he had never seen so many people there, and he estimated that coming and going there were over 2,000.

*El equipo de baloncesto en que Cheska jugaba estaba jugando en Bayamón esa noche, y cuando llegaron a Ponce todas en su uniforme de baloncesto llegaron en una guagua escolar y bajaron jugando con la bola hasta que llegaron al féretro y a su alrededor como si fuera la cancha y Cheska jugando con ellas. Un momento muy emotivo. Yo no lo pude apreciar, mi hijo Rene fue el que hizo espacio para las jugadoras, ya que yo estaba con Titi en el hospital porque se puso mala el el doctor la tuvo que medicar. Me cuentan que a las doce de la noche estaba todavía eso lleno. No sé si es apropiado decir esto, pero fue un funeral muy bello. Al pasar frente a la universidad los estudiantes estaban parados en toda la Avenida Las Américas viendo pasar el féretro. El primer día, Radio Universidad Católica estuvo todo el día recibiendo llamadas en un programa en referencia a la Chica y sus Cualidades.*



*René Jr. with Cheska in Carrollton, GA in 2006*

The basketball team that Cheska played on was playing in Bayamón that night, and when they returned to Ponce, they pulled up to the funeral home in a school bus, all dressed in their uniforms, and got off the bus dribbling and passing the ball until they reached the coffin, and they surrounded it like they were on the court and Cheska was playing with them. It was a very emotional moment. I didn't see it, my son René is the one that made space for the players since I was with Titi in the hospital because she had an episode and the doctor had to medicate her. I'm told that at midnight that place was still packed. I don't know if it's appropriate to say this, but it was a beautiful funeral. When the procession passed in front of the university, students were standing all along the Avenida las Américas watching the coffin go by. The first day, Radio Universidad Católica was receiving calls all day long on a program in reference to the Girl and her Qualities.

*Prima, Norma, se me es un poco imposible llegar a todos y cada uno de la familia, y quiero usar tus medio o el de tu periódico familiar para expresar nuestra gratitud para todos y cada uno de mi gran familia.* Cousin Norma, it's a bit impossible for me to reach everyone in the family, and I'd like to use this means or the family newsletter to express our gratitude to each and every one in my great family.

***The loss of our beloved granddaughter, Francheska, has left a deep wound in our hearts. Knowing that she was deeply routed in her Christian faith has somewhat eased our pain. The show of support has been a humbling experience, and has left me speechless. During these trying times you have shown me once again that with faith, family, love, and unity we can mend our broken hearts.***

# The Genealogy Pox

Doctors have discovered a new disease that is very contagious to adults. They have named it Genealogy Pox.

## SYMPTOMS

- Patient continually complains of a need for names, dates, and places.
- Patient has a blank expression on his face, and often seems deaf to mate and children.
- Has no taste for work of any kind, except for feverishly looking through records, libraries, and courthouses.
- Has compulsion to write letters and spends hours sitting at a computer.
- Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail or threatens to kick computer if there is no e-mail.
- Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote desolate country areas.
- Makes secret night calls and hides the phone bills from mate.
- Patient mumbles to self and has a strange faraway look in his eyes.
- Has a strange compulsion to gather and scatter old papers all over the house, leaving piles of paper everywhere with strange numbers and names all over them.

## TREATMENT

- No known cure. Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse.
- Disease is spreading throughout the country very fast, quickly becoming an epidemic.
- Patient should attend genealogy meetings, workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines, and be given lots more forms and a computer situated in a quiet corner of the house where he or she can be alone.
- If family supports patient through this, patient will occasionally come out of strange trance and will act normal again unless you drive by a cemetery or courthouse.

## REMARKS

*The unusual nature of this disease is such that the more sick the patient becomes, the more he or she seems to enjoy it, sometimes dancing with glee and yelling, "I found it!"*

(Author Unknown) Sent to me by our "Genealogical Cousin" Ricardo Rodríguez

*At this time in our family history...*

- Hilario García, Jr. and Juliana Pérez were married on Feb. 1, 1861. Hilario's brother, José de la Cruz García became the maternal grandfather of my grandmother, Ana Cruz García.
- Florencio Rivera Maldonado and Ana Cruz García were married on Feb. 12, 1914.
- Auntie Marie and Achilles G. Nicholson were married on Feb. 15, 1937.
- Dionicio del Carmen Rivera Maldonado (a sister of our family patriarch, Papa Flor) was born on Feb. 20, 1867.
- Victoriano Rivera Maldonado (my father's great-uncle) was born on February 23, 1845. He was a brother of Manuel Alejo Rivera Maldonado (my father's paternal grandfather).
- Juan Julian Rivera Maldonado was born 132 years ago, on February 28th. He was five years younger than his brother Florencio (my father's father), and died on New Year's Eve at the age of nine-and-a-half. This is probably the brother that he sometimes spoke of.
- Pedro Alcántara Rivera Maldonado, one of Florencio's paternal uncles, was born on March 21, 1844. He was the sixth child born to José de los Santos Rivera and Cipriana Maldonado.



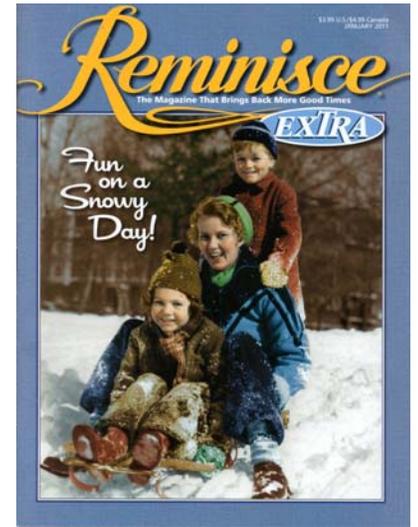
# Guess Who This Baby Is?

The answer is found on page 6.

# My Story Was Published!

by Norma (García) Pettit

Some months ago, I sent a story to a magazine that I subscribe to—*Reminisce Extra*—and was excited to finally get a response from them on August 3rd of last year. I was contacted by one of their associate editors who said he liked the story, but there was a problem with the picture I had included. It needed to be 300 dpi, so I shot off an e-mail to cousin Carlos, asking him to resend the picture of his parents with the required resolution. Carlos did this immediately, also sending a copy directly to *Reminisce*. Thanks, Carlos!! The associate editor was surprised at how quickly he received the picture and said he hoped to have the story appear in an upcoming issue. When I finally saw the published story in the January issue, I was thrilled.



## A Slip of the Tongue

WHEN I was little, Auntie Rosita Rivera (above with Uncle Isidro) was the cute, smiling aunt with the perfectly kept home where we had such fun holiday parties. It was at one of those parties that I almost scared Auntie to death.

It was probably our family New Year's party for 1964-'65 at the Rivera home in Belmont, California. I stood just outside the kitchen, watching my mom, Auntie Rosita and the other aunts laughing and talking as they prepared the traditional Puerto Rican dishes for our feast.

In those days we girl cousins were very proper and modest. We would never tell someone, "Your slip is showing," because

we wouldn't want to embarrass the girl by mentioning an article of underclothing. So we had a secret code. We would say, "Charlie's hanging," and if the slip was really hanging down, we'd say, "Charlie's dead." The cousin could then discreetly leave the room to fix her slip.

I noticed that Auntie Rosita's slip was really hanging down below the hemline of her dress, so I sweetly called out, "Auntie, Charlie's dead!"

I can still hear Auntie's scream ringing in my ears. How was I supposed to know that my cousin Carlos was called Charlie by his immediate family?

—Norma Pettit  
Placerville, California

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: A person's mind, stretched by a new idea, never goes back to its original dim

The publisher sent me two extra copies of the magazine, and I mailed one to Uncle Isidro as a keepsake.

I e-mailed some members of the family about this, and my brother, Ruben García, responded that he remembered when that happened! My nephew, Juan González wondered if no one had told Auntie Rosita about the code. No, I doubt that she knew about it because she only had boys. I'm guessing that my thought at the time was that she'd just ask, "What?" in a normal voice, and I'd explain that her slip was showing. I had no idea the commotion my innocent comment would cause.

Cousin Carol (Medina) Wright wrote back that she receives *Reminisce Extra* in her shop, and saw it after her parents told her this story: Carol's dad (José L. Medina) was looking through his issue and commented to his wife (Angélica—my Tía Tita), "*Este se parece a Isidro.*" [This guy looks like Isidro.] Then they read the article and "...lo and behold, it was Isidro and Rosita!!!" Carol added, "Loved the article and showing it off to all my customers."

So there you are! I am a published author and will be signing autographs at the next family reunion. Ha ha!!

# Sweet Tributes from Cousin Kathy



In December, I was so touched and thrilled to get a package from Cousin Kathy (Merritt) Caffey containing this precious doll, table, chair, and accessories—a purse, a "Scrabble Dictionary", a "Spanish is Fun" book, a tiny laminated "...y la familia" front page (of the October issue), a notebook, a pencil and a folder.

The doll was made by Kathy's friend, Jolene Worm, who has MS and is housebound. In her collection of handcrafted dolls, Jolene had a Biker Babe doll that Kathy got for her sister, Meryem. It is an old lady with her leather pants, animal print bra and leather vest. She has a cane but she still is a biker and old age is not going to slow her down. For cousin Joi, Kathy got the Grandma doll with all her sewing gear hanging on her. She has a quilting rack and Kathy found a very tiny handmade pair of blue booties to represent her beloved grandson. She came with a basket of thread and an old McCalls pattern. She is still a crafty old lady and there is work to be done. Kathy sent her sister, Marlynn, the Garden Lady doll in her overalls with a hoe in her hand and with a cart that has a basket of flowers in it. It fit her ... the southern lady who likes to be in her garden. Jolene had never sold a doll before, but she parted with these three. Kathy asked her to make a doll especially for me.

Kathy explains, "I told her about you, what you do, who you are, and how I feel about you. She made that doll special for you. She would not let me see it until the end. I rounded up the accessories or most of them."

The dolls are not supposed to look like the people they are intended for. Jolene did not want a picture of me.

"The doll may not look like you," adds Kathy, "but she represents the spirit of you...working at a desk on the computer doing the family newsletter, the Spanish book because you are a teacher, the Scrabble dictionary because you love Scrabble, and then Jolene came up with the clip board and pencil on her own. The table and chair were made by another fine craftsman I found on ebay. The story is never ending....it made Christmas special for me...I hope special for the rest of you and it especially made Christmas special for Jolene. All her money goes for medicine and necessities. The money I paid her allowed her to buy some special software for her embroidery machine. Her husband had given it to her but with no real software. Now she has the means to expand her horizons. The software has already been ordered. She told me I was the best Christmas present ever."

Kathy also had Jolene embroider some Golden Girl T-shirts for the five of us!

What an amazing story, how Kathy's wish to pay tribute to Joi, Meryem, Marlynn and me turned out to be a blessing for a very talented woman with a medical condition. I love how Kathy's purchases provided Jolene with the funds to get the software for her machine that will enable her to increase her revenue as a stay home entrepreneur.

In addition to the doll and accessories, Kathy sent me a beautiful one-of-a-kind hand carved cane. She says, "I remember your knee swelling and you could hardly get to work without a cane. I found the cane at the Seward Craft Fair where I sold my cards. There are some wonderful craftsmen there. An old man made this cane ...it is the only one like it that he ever made and he had a lot of canes...one of a kind just like you. It represents the mission trips to Mexico and the kindness in your heart. If your knee swells again use it. It is good and sturdy and beautiful with the carvings of the bull fighter and all the bright colors."

I was so very touched by all of Kathy's gifts because of the thought that went into them and the meaning that each gift had. She captured the essence of our personalities and gave us incredible tokens of her love that will be cherished forever.

## Praise Reports

Cousin Helen Correa-González says that after her chemo treatments she is now cancer free!  
Cousin René Rivera says that he is feeling much better after his radiation treatment for prostate cancer. Praise God for answered prayers!

## Continued Prayers are Needed

Cousin Edwin Rivera Sevilla continues to be very, very sick with cancer and the effects of his chemotherapy treatments. Please remember to lift him up in your daily prayers, as well as his wife, Felita, and their children and grandchildren.

**Thank you to Tía Tita and Tío José Medina for their \$25 contribution to the newsletter and to George and Barbara Nicholson for their \$50 contribution. They are very much appreciated!**

The baby pictured on page 4 is Francheska Rivera.

## 2011 FAMILY REUNION

Dates: June 24 – 26, 2011

Location: Greenwood & Bargersville, IN (25 minutes south of Indianapolis or 25 minutes from Indianapolis airport)

### Accommodations:

The nearest hotels can be found along I-65 at the intersection with Main Street (Exit 99), County Line Rd (Exit 101) and Southport Rd (Exit 103) approximately 25 – 30 minutes from Bargersville.

Recommended hotels include:

Holiday Inn Express Hotel  
1180 Wilson Drive, Greenwood, IN  
(317) 881-0600

Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis South / Greenwood  
5255 Noggle Way, Indianapolis, IN  
(317) 888-4814



Candlewood Suites Extended Stay Hotel  
1190 N. Graham Road, Greenwood, IN  
(317) 882-4300

There are other hotels in the area. A quick Google search of “hotels in Greenwood, IN” will yield more options. It is recommended to select one nearest I-65 for convenience to getting to the reunion location.

### Schedule of Events:

Hosted by Carlos and Garnet Rivera  
4884 Krestridge Court East  
Bargersville, IN 46106-8322  
(317) 422-1685

—————→ *(Details to be announced later.)*

Friday night Cookout, Jun 24.  
Saturday evening Banquet, Jun 25  
Sunday morning Breakfast, Jun 26



### What to Do and See in the Indianapolis Area

Indianapolis Zoo—One of the best publically funded zoos in the US. Approx. 20 minutes from hotel area. [www.indianapoliszoo.com](http://www.indianapoliszoo.com)

Children’s Museum—Outstanding museum for children and adults alike with hands-on discovery exhibits. The largest of its kind in the US. Approx. 25-30 minutes from hotel area. [www.childrensmuseum.org](http://www.childrensmuseum.org)

Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum – Home of the Indy 500. Visit the most famous car raceway in the world and the Hall of Fame Museum. Approx. 30-35 minutes from hotel area. [www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com](http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com)

Brown County State Park—Beautiful scenic state park in Nashville, Indiana approx. 50 minutes from hotel area. Horseback riding, swimming, hiking, picnic. Near Historic Hoosier Artists Colony (see below). [www.browncountystatepark.com](http://www.browncountystatepark.com)

Historic Hoosier Artists Colony in Nashville, Indiana—Home to hundreds of unique craft, specialty & antique shops. Approx. 55 minutes from hotel area. [www.nashville-indiana.com](http://www.nashville-indiana.com)

Edinburgh Outlet Mall—85 premium outlet stores. Approx. 25 minutes from hotel area.  
[www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=51](http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=51)

Shopping Downtown Indianapolis—Circle Centre Mall downtown Indianapolis with numerous shops, restaurants. Approx. 15-20 minutes from hotel area. [www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?id=163](http://www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?id=163)

Shopping Indianapolis Southside (Greenwood Park Mall). Approx. 15 minutes from hotel area.  
[www.simon.com/mall/malldirectory.aspx?id=165](http://www.simon.com/mall/malldirectory.aspx?id=165)



Shopping Indianapolis Northside (Castleton Mall, Fashion Mall)

Fashion Mall ([www.simon.com/mall/?id=166](http://www.simon.com/mall/?id=166)) is known for upper end stores.

Castleton Mall ([www.simon.com/mall/?id=162](http://www.simon.com/mall/?id=162)), the largest in Indianapolis area. Approx. 40 – 50 minutes from hotel area.

## “¿...y la familia?”

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Visit us on the Web at [www.ylafamilia.org](http://www.ylafamilia.org).

## Birthday Greetings

**Eduardo Medero (23)** -  
Feb. 2

**Juan González (50)** - Feb. 2

**Katherine García (47)** -  
Feb. 4

**Brook Rivera (32)** - Feb. 5

**Angela Nicholson (44)** -  
Feb. 6

**Maritza Rivera (48)** -  
Feb. 11

**Melissa González (25)** -  
Feb. 15

**Nicole García (15)** - Feb. 16

**Ruben J. García (62)** -  
Feb. 21

**Heriberto Rivera (59)** -  
Feb. 24

**Gwendolyn Rivera (9)** -  
Feb. 27

**Dustin Yager (26)** - Mar. 3

**Miguel González (16)** -  
Mar. 3

**Matthew Hargraves (11)** -  
Mar. 3

**Marcel Antonio Quiñones (3)** - Mar. 5

**Stephen Nicholson (14)** -  
Mar. 11

**Rafael González (42)** -  
Mar. 13

**Karen Rivera (32)** -  
Mar. 15

**James Caffey (69)** -  
Mar. 15

**Jenny (Nicholson) Reinke (73)** - Mar. 17

**Joi Stenroos (61)** - Mar. 18

**Raynell H. Díaz (30)** -  
Mar. 19

**Veronica Nicholson (13)** -  
Mar. 21

**Michael Rivera (12)** -  
Mar. 22

**Mackenzie Eddy (18)** -  
Mar. 24

**Todd Anthony Springer (9)** - Mar. 24

**Sonia (Quiñones) Rambo (33)** - Mar. 26

**Barbara Nicholson (65)** -  
Mar. 26

**Julian Alexander Rivera (1)** - Mar. 27

**Milagros Rivera (68)** -  
Mar. 28

**Lisa (Finch) Warner (45)** -  
Mar. 28

## Anniversaries



Sheila Andujar and  
Edwin Rivera (14)  
Feb. 15

Frankie and Amy Valentin  
(8) - Mar. 29

Sonia (Quiñones) and  
Jake Rambo (9)  
Mar. 30