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Needed for Future Issues:

"Stuff" about you and yours...

Announcements

*New baby
Engagement
Graduations
Promotion
New address*

Upcoming Events

*family parties
Reunions
Weddings*

Article, Photos and Fillers

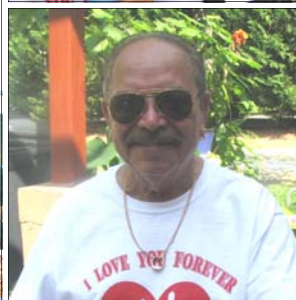
*Nostalgic stories
Photos and artwork*

*Original poetry
Vignettes on
your immediate family
Favorite family recipes*

Cute things your kids have said

Funny stories

Family Reunion 2012 Laurens, South Carolina



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Family Reunion Photo Album

Meeting and greeting...



eating...



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...just plain having fun...



...although
someone tried
to stop our fun!



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Latin rhythms...



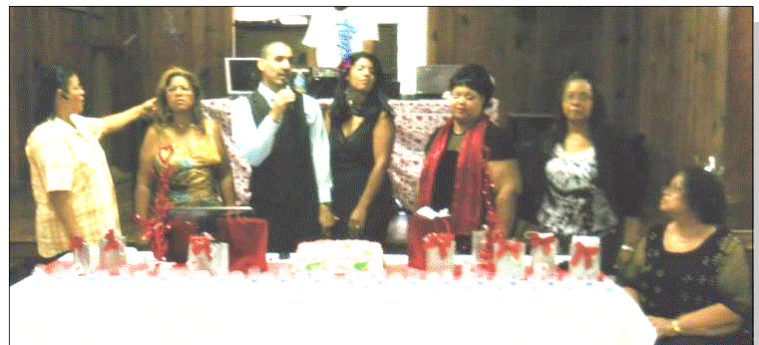
*Just being
together was
so wonderful!*



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Formal dinner and dance





The 2012 Family Reunion in Laurens, South Carolina, was a huge success, and humungous thanks are owed to anyone and everyone who in any way took part in bringing this memorable event to fruition.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

...and now, the question that many are already asking: “Where and when will the next reunion be?”

The answer is...DISNEYWORLD in ORLANDO, FLORIDA, June 21-23, 2013!!!

We are planning to stay at a hotel inside of the park, which will make the experience more exciting and at the same time more convenient. Some of the benefits of staying at a Disney Resort Hotel include the following:

- More quality time with family—we will be conveniently close to all the attractions and can come and go to our rooms as we please. For families with small children, this could be a huge advantage!
- We can make use of extended park hours.
- There is **COMPLIMENTARY** transportation between the airport and our hotel, as well as throughout the theme parks (on mono-rail, motor cars and ferry boats). If you are driving to Disney World instead of flying, there is complimentary parking at our hotel.
- We will avoid the hassles and delays of traffic jams entering the regular parking lot, and the expense of daily parking.

To keep the cost more reasonable, we are planning to stay at one of the “Value Resorts.” If, after looking at the Value Resorts on www.disneyworld.com, you have a preference for a specific Value Resort, please let me know as soon as possible. Cousin Frankie, who works at Disney World, will be working up a package for us that will include the hotel stay, the entrance tickets to the various theme parks, and a meal plan. We are planning to forego a formal banquet hall evening for this reunion, and instead, have an informal dinner gathering that won’t cost us anything extra and that will not take away from time enjoying the theme parks. Keep in mind, however, that for this reunion we will not be having Puerto Rican food or salsa dancing. Although very different from past reunions, it should be an exciting and memorable reunion for all who attend. Already some 50 people have expressed interest!

As more information becomes available, you will be notified via this newsletter, Facebook, e-mail, and/or the family website: www.ylafamilia.org.

Other Family News



On a recent trip to Iowa with her husband, David, my niece Michelle stopped in Denver, where cousin Joi had a chance to see her for 15 minutes.



Garnet bought me a ticket for an Indy car ride experience at the Indianapolis speedway. It was an exciting and exhilarating three minutes of speed three times around the racetrack at 180 mph. My driver was Davey Hamilton, who has raced in 10 Indianapolis 500 events and finished in the top fifteen in two of the past four years, including a ninth-place result in 2007. It was a thrill of a ride that I will never forget!

—Carlos Rivera

Condolences to **Garnet Rivera**, wife of cousin Carlos Rivera, who lost her mother, Edna G. Mullins McCarthy on April 10, 2012 in Evansville, Indiana.

Likewise, our thoughts and prayers are with **Awilda Rivera**, whose father, Ignacio Delgado, passed away on June 6, 2012, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

May both Garnet and Awilda hold the memories of their parents in their hearts always, and may Edna and Ignacio rest in peace.



Message from René Rivera:

When God created my family Rivera and the vast extension of my family, he took special care doing this. He created us unique, almost like the rainbow with diversities of colors, one color as pretty as the other. But when all the colors blend together, the brightness of the heart of each one of us shines as the stars do, warms the center as the sun heats the universe, caresses, as the moon caresses the dark nights. The sun, moon and stars are full of joy when we the Rivera family get together.

The wisdom of God embraces the entire family with pure and positive energies. The horn of abundance fills our tables with delicious banquets. The grace of God that always provides all our needs is a blessing that we all receive with gratitude. I'm very pleased with my God for being so special with my loved ones. The 2012 Family Reunion was different as always each family reunion has been, something special, something different, but nevertheless the love and the respect for one another shows the way the people before us are teaching still the manners that we pass on as a legacy to our children and grandchildren.

My very special thanks to our hosts, Waleska and Rafy, Milagros and Helen, Awilda, Mary Lilliam and all the people from South Carolina that made this event unforgettable. My love to you all. My eternal gratitude to Junny (Edwin Rivera Soto) for the [T shirt] design of our loved ones already gone, but nevertheless there with us in our protection. My sincere apologies to my cousin, Joi, for not having the twin sister of my father on the T-shirt, Junny at that time did not have her picture. Well, my loved ones, God's blessing with you all.

Message from Orlando Rivera:

We want to let you know that Isidro Rivera has a new captioned telephone by CapTel. It displays the "other" side of the conversation on his telephone in captions, just like closed captions on television.

If you are calling Isidro long distance, it is important to call CapTel customer service at 888-269-7477 to register your home and cell phone numbers. By doing this, CapTel is able to connect with your service provider so that you will be charged your standard rate through the CapTel service. As most cell phones have free long distance and landlines have long distance providers, CapTel "links" with the service provider, Verizon, AT&T, or whoever, to route the billing for the call through your account so you are charged (or not charged) accordingly.

There is no additional charge for the CapTel service, to you or Isidro. The caption service is funded by the government. To call Isidro with captions, first call CapTel at 877-243-2823, then dial Isidro's number 770-834-5057.

Just so you are aware, there is a five to ten second delay between the beginning of the call and the first words appearing on Isidro's screen. There is about a three second delay during the conversation before the words appear on Isidro's screen. It is best to speak just a little slower than normal. Start the conversation with something simple, such as, "Hey Isidro, this is Orlando. How are you?" Then wait for Isidro to answer.

The captioner, the person typing the captions, only hears the "other" side of the conversation to type the words for Isidro. The captioner does not hear Isidro.

Hopefully this will allow everyone to call Isidro more often and have clear conversations with him. Please pass on this information.

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Birthday Greetings

Anita C. Braddock (8) - Aug. 3

Christian Rivera Rosa (20) - Aug 3

Brian Pineda (36) - Aug. 3

Chet Cline (46) - Aug. 6

Joenid Kamil Colón (3) - Aug. 6

Suleimy Cruz (8) - Aug. 8

Michael García (20) - Aug. 8

Timothy Teal Barnes (21) - Aug. 9

Leandro González (18) - Aug. 9

Yamil Williams (26)- Aug. 10

Rosa (Medina) Meddaugh (61) - Aug. 10

René M. Rivera (27) - Aug. 15

José L. Medina (88) - Aug. 15

Jennifer Campos (38) - Aug. 16

Andrea Rivera (23) - Aug. 22

Shanda Peters (26) - Aug. 23

Zuleymi Cruz (8) - Aug. 23

Héctor Burgos (46) - Aug. 24

Angelica Stickles (26) - Aug. 26

Frankie Valentín (31) - Aug. 26

Héctor González (51) - Aug. 26

Yuly (García) Springer (40) - Aug. 26

Evelyn Roig (68) - Aug. 28

Julian Miller (14) - Aug. 29

Zulena Delgado (24) - Aug. 29

Taelyn Darnell (7) - Aug. 31

Nelson Rivera (30) - Sept. 5

Luz Rivera (64) - Sept. 6

Jerry Feliciano (36) - Sept. 6

Iris L. Rivera (30) - Sept. 8

Serena Campos (15) - Sept. 10

Miguel González (49)- Sept. 10

Leslie (González) López (49) - Sept. 10

Charice A. Rivera (30) - Sept. 12

Jamirelis C. Rivera (5) - Sept 12

Rosanie García (35) - Sept. 13

Rachel Rivera (32) - Sept. 14

Kathleen (Merritt) Caffey (66) - Sept. 15

Craig Burch (25) - Sept. 17

Monica Rivera (32) - Sept. 21

Amy Valentín (30) - Sept. 21

Oscar González (73) - Sept. 21

Carmen E. Delgado (28) - Sept. 23

Edie (Jimenez) Neitzel (51) - Sept. 23

Raúl Rivera (19) - Sept. 24

Carlos M. Rivera (66) - Sept. 25

Marina M. Ramos (34) - Sept. 25

Johanna Rivera (40) - Sept. 26

Robert Rivera (43) - Sept. 26

Angélica Medina (84) - Sept. 29

Joseph Montalvo (7) - Sept. 29

Logan A. Braddock (7) - Sept. 29

Anniversaries

Michelle & David Fastenau (11) - Aug. 4

Nellie (Feliciano) & David López (24) - Aug. 6

Jeremy & Sheila Carrasquillo (11) - Aug. 11

Luz Rivera & Ramón Trinidad (21) - Aug. 14

Evelyn & Bill Roig (41) - Sept. 11

Rosa (Medina) & Brian Meddaugh (23) - Sept. 16

Bryan & Cheryl Finch (12) - Sept. 16

Yuly (García) & Todd Springer (18) - Sept. 17

Carol (Medina) & Larry Wright (25) - Sept. 26

