

Maestas Family Reunion Note

Winter 2004

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Remember to ask for your vacation time early. The 2005 reunion will be held July 7, 8, 9 & 10th, 2005 at Los Alamos in New Mexico. Adelita will be compiling numbers so we have an idea of how much food to buy and what we will need so either email at craigcadelita@bacavalley.com or write at 606 S. 5th Street Raton, NM 87740.

Mabel and Fermin Maestas (son on Matias and Rosarito) are the proud great-grandparents of Audrey Anna Gonzales. Her parents, Anabelle & Cesar welcomed her on October 18, 2004.

Barbara (daughter of Linore Maestas) Rose's daughter Amanda is getting married in December.

Mabel Maestas has been sick. She is currently undergoing treatment. Mabel is married to Fermin.

Lorinda and Joaquin Manuel have a son, Joaquin Jr. Joaquin is the son of Christy Maestas, grandson of C. D. & Vangie, great grandson of Jose and Clodovea, great, great grandson of Cirilio & Cresencia.

Mike Esposito underwent bypass surgery in November.

Jordan Craig spent Thanksgiving vacation in Ecuador with his Mom and family. He is attending school in Santa Fe, living with his Dad, Daniel.

Opal Maestas has been diagnosed as having Non-Hodgkin lymphoma (cancer of the bone marrow) she is the wife of Joe, daughter in law of Ramon. She is undergoing treatment.

Rhonda Valdez wife of Michael, daughter-in-law of Cleo Valdez, (Matias Maestas Sr;) has received her Master's of Science Degree in Public Health Nursing, Specializing in School Health from the University of Missouri.

Janelle Valdez, daughter of Jerry, granddaughter of Cleo Maestas Valdez, great-granddaughter of Matias Maestas Sr. is getting her Medical Assistance certificate and plans to be an LPN by this spring.

Johnny Valdez and wife Jessica and big sister Andrea are proud to announce the arrival of Daniel on September 15, 2004.

Michael Valdez is back working in his field as a Physical Therapist Assistant. Michael is the son of Cleo, grandson of Matias Maestas.

Louie Valdez continues to enjoy "partial retirement" working for the Colorado Springs School District in transportation in food service. He is the son of Cleo and grandson of Matias Maestas Sr.

Judi (Maestas), Dennis, Patrick and Leah Heher were in Europe this summer. Judi is the daughter of Jose, granddaughter of Ramon. Ramon and Cirilio were brothers.

Adelita would like to have an address book compiled by July, so please send your family addresses (and as much as you want to share, phone #'s, email address, etc) as soon as possible.

Ta also needs 365 "messages" for a calendar. This may be a favorite saying, favorite scripture, or personal message, whatever may fit on a 3x5 card. You may pick a special day, first to arrive will get the date picked, and after that she will fill in starting with January.

Since the adults will not be exchanging gifts would there be any interest in playing bingo? We need some feed back!

Jeff asks "we need prizes for the kids games we will be having at the reunion and I would like to get the word out to everyone to stop by a 99 cent store and pick up a prize (toys, markers, crayons, dolls, games, etc.) whenever you go shopping, only if you can afford it, nothing expensive just a few items each and bring them to the reunion so the kids will be able to pick a prize when they win a game and they can also be used as prizes for bingo."

PLEASE SEND YOUR SECRET PAL SOME THING. THERE ARE COUSINS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANYTHING. If you are no longer interested in participating let Barbara Rose know and there are a few people who are willing to finish the last few months. Barbara's email address is: brose@barstow.edu