

Maestas Reunion Newsletter

July 12,13,14 & 15, 2007

Los Alamos, New Mexico

17th Maestas Reunion General Meeting Minutes

The 17th Maestas Family Reunion meeting was held on Saturday, with Barbara Rose and Daryl Brillhart co-chairing.

Old Business

- Toilets - Everyone agreed that four Port-a-Pots were enough and not to get more.
- Family contributions - The family contributions will stay as in the past, i.e. 2 doz. tortillas or 2 loaves of bread, a package of cookies and 5 gal of water.

Finances

The balance in the Family checking account was \$870.62 as of June 20, 2007. Adelita Craig asked for a volunteer from the valley to be on the checking account with her. The other signer was Elias Valdez who passed away in November of last year. Barbara Rose moved to have Joan Maestas be the 2nd person on the account. Larry Maestas seconded it. All approved (including Joan). Motion passed.

New Business

- The question was raised whether or not we should raise the fees for the reunion. Both Barbara Rose and Pam Hill said that there is no way you could feed a family on \$40 for a weekend. Barbara Rose moved that we raise the fees as follows:

Categories	2007 Fees	2009 fees
Family	\$40	\$50
Couple and 1 child age 6 or older	\$30	\$35
Couple or couple & 1 child age 5 or younger	\$25	\$30
Single	\$15	\$20

Steven Jaramillo seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

- This also raised the question on whether or not the people who come up for just 1 day should pay the same amount as the people who stay for the 4 days. Daryl Brillhart moved to make a subgroup fee for people who only come one day. After much discussion, Daryl amended his motion to read a subgroup fee of \$20 (flat rate) for families who come only 1 day. Antonio Esposito seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.
- The subject of the group tent shelters was raised. Do we want to buy or continue to rent? Andy Maestas moved to approve \$200 to buy a new shelter for the next reunion. (Note: Andy indicated that he was talking about the 10' x 20' shelter with sidewalls that was next to the meeting area.) Several people brought up the problem of storage and maintenance if we bought a shelter. Right now we will be storing equipment and supplies at Adela Maestas' house as the place where we had been storing equipment (Uncle Chenchos) is falling down and can no longer be locked. Matt Maestas told us that it costs the family \$175 to rent the square tent (approximately 20' x 20', without walls) each reunion. Andy Maestas withdrew his motion after hearing this. Mike Esposito moved to appoint a committee of 3-4 people to look into what other kinds of tents or shelters are available and affordable, with a deadline of 1 year to report back to the family before anything is approved. Larry Maestas seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.
Paul Maestas moved that we appoint Daryl Brillhart, Andy Maestas, Mike and Antonio Esposito to be on this committee. Steven Jaramillo seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

- The subject of tables and chairs was brought up. This year we were short on chairs as the church that we usually borrow them from had a previous engagement and we could not use their chairs. Daryl Brillhart moved to have everyone bring his or her own chairs. Lillian Sanchez seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.
- Fabiola Esposito said that while we need new tables all around, we need tables for the cooking area more than in the eating area. Bianca Esposito suggested that we approve the money for the tables in the cooking area and if a family wanted to donate a table for the eating area that was great. Larry Maestas moved that Mike Esposito (who was volunteered for the job) build 2 tables for the stoves in the cooking area and let the family know how much they cost. Paul Maestas seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.
- The food committee suggested that Sunday breakfast should be continental. This was approved by general agreement without a vote. We will not cook on Sunday.
- While the Easter egg hunt was fun, everyone agreed that Christmas would be the easiest holiday to do. A limit of \$10 per gift was agreed upon. Adelita Craig moved that we have our holiday for the next reunion be Christmas for the kids 17 and under. Barbara Rose seconded. All approve. Motion passed.
- Everyone liked the water barrel and agreed that it was a great idea (even if it ran out of water). Everyone said thank you to the person (people) who bought it and made the stand.
- The subject of dogs was brought up again this year. It has been agreed that ALL dogs must be leashed. We will post a map of the reunion area site showing where dogs are permitted and where they are restricted. (Such a map is not available yet.). Please remember this for the next reunion.
- There was a discussion about children using dangerous objects. Any child using an object such as an axe or knife (such as for cutting wood or helping with meals, for instance) MUST be supervised by a responsible adult.
- Adelita Craig will figure out how to do name tags and color-code them by family for the next reunion.
- Carlos & Adelita Craig donated the animated toy bunny that was raffled off at the reunion. The Reunion Fund made \$50 from this raffle. Should we receive a gift or donation like this in the future, it will also be raffled off. (This does not, of course, include Christmas gifts.)
- The dates for the next reunion are July 9-12, 2009. Please remember to ask for this time off as soon as possible.
- Although not exactly a topic of discussion at the meeting, there was some discussion of setting up a fund to get Martha (Gayton) Maestas a head stone. Aunt Martha passed away a number of years ago and is buried next to Aunt Lala, but there is no marker on the grave. Aunt Martha did not have any children to erect a marker. As this newsletter was being prepared, we learned that a grave stone for Aunt Martha has already been installed, thanks to **the children of Elias Valdez**.

2007 Attendance

Dick Taylor
Christine Taylor
Jack Humphrey
Jessie Humphrey
Ignacio Maestas
Wilma Hutson
Bob Hutson
Dan Jaramillo
Cresencia Jaramillo
Lorraine Duran
Marie Duran Marie
Sammy Chavez
Martha Chavez
Dennisa Cordova
Sammy Vasquez
Tom Land
Thomas Land
Ben (Tom's nephew)
Ron Baca
Betty Pluchek
Wayne Pluchek
Moises Maestas
Susie Maestas
Ken Valdez
Yvonne Vasquez
Luis Zepeda,
Samantha Vasquez
Tim Valdez
Julie Olson
Isabella Valdez
Julianna Valdez
Elena Valdez
Daryl Brillhart
Josh Brillhart
Lori Maestas,
Christopher Barela
Tamara Barela
Lianne Casados (friend)
Shawn Barela
Larry Maestas
Marissa Herrera
Connie Chavez
Ashley Barela
Marcus
Victor
Sean
Joaquin Manuel-Maestas
Lorinda Manuel-Maestas
Lucia Manuel Maestas
Joaquin Manuel Maestas
Pablo Maestas
Mike Esposito
Fabiola Esposito
Antonio Esposito
Bianca Esposito
Sally Esposito

Brian Viduya
Andy Maestas
Marilyn Maestas,
RaeAnn Maestas
Malachi Maestas
Victor (Pops) Maestas
David Maestas
Allison Maestas
Peyton Maestas
Jason Maestas
Carmen Maestas
Mariah Maestas
Paul Maestas
Andrea Maestas
Adryanna Maestas
Barbara Rose
Randy Rose
Candice Rose
Austin Rose
Matt Maestas
Joan Maestas
Jonathan Maestas
Jordan Maestas
Ethan (friend)
Renee Maestas
Andres Maestas
Antonio Maestas
Domingo Maestas
Harvey Bordett
Elizabeth Valdez
David Bordett
Rosalie Bordett
Lillian Sanchez
Jonathan Carver
Anthony Kirk
Dan Craig
Lydia Sckalar
Jordan Craig
Stella Vasquez
Paul Jaramillo
Melanie Jaramillo
Steven Jaramillo
Annette Maestas
Kenny Maestas
Jacqueline Maestas
Mariah Maestas
Adam Maestas
Paul Jaramillo, Jr.
Erica Jaramillo
Abigail Jaramillo
Pam Hill
Mike Hill
Debbie Hill
Adrienne
Eric Chavarilla
Rosalie Valdez

Jerry Valdez
Isac Valdez
Isaiah Liuzzi (nephew)
Michael Valdez
Rhonda Valdez
Alison Valdez
Louie Valdez
Elsie Valdez
Robert Valdez
Christopher Valdez
Daniel Santisteven
Janele Santistevan (Jerry &
Rosalie's daughter)
Catherine Olguin
Johnny Trujillo (JR.?)
Andrea Trujillo
Daniel Trujillo (Marie's son,
Cleo's grandson)
Kristy Trujillo
Andrew Trujillo
Elijah Trujillo
Lulu Valdez
Fidel Valdez
Mina Valdez
Remy Montgomery
Zack Montgomery
Randy J Maestas
Laura
James Maestas
Cindy
Jeremiah
Robin Valdez
Keith Royal
Marissa Herrera
Jesse Herrera
Darrin Herrera
Anissa Herrera
Kaylyn Maestas
Filimon Maestas
Delma Maestas
John & Anna Saiz
Jamie Ulibarri
Tano Chavez friend
Rosa Chavez friend
Marie Trujillo
Johnny Trujillo
Andrea Trujillo
Daniel Valdez
Michael Serna (friend)
Melvin Maestas
Henrietta (Melvin's friend
& her baby
Dominic Vasquez
Rebecca Vasquez
Dominic Vasquez Jr.
Elizabeth Paiz (friend)

As this is a family endeavor please help with corrections, additions, etc on the names. If someone is missing let us know – if we spelled names wrong, put down wrong last names, or whatever, let us know. Thank you.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fabiola	127.76	Sam's non perishable (cereal, condiments, etc.)
Fabiola	211.55	Costco paper goods, non perishables
Fabiola	36.95	Wal-Mart plastic table covers, etc.
Paul M	40.00	Wal-Mart (batteries---Paul's fee credit It was extra since they were only 3)
Ta	38.92	Stella and Baby blanket, containers for dinnerware & napkins, Wipes, hand sanitizer, scrubbies
Fabiola	134.60	water tank , supplies for stand, youngest's gift
Matt	300.00	(4 toilets) plus 25.00 for travel
Matt	175.00	tent rental
Matt	168.00	cake & travel

June 20, 2007	Balance		870.88
July 20, 2007	Credits	1487.23	
	Debits	1051.96	
	Service Chg	7.70	(Balance was below \$500 at time of statement)
	Balance		1306.15
Aug. 20, 2007	Credits	.29	
	Debit	749.45	
	Balance		556.59

Two checks have not been written to keep the amount over \$500.00 so we don't pay a fee. Ta for \$39.92 and Fabiola for \$134.60. (Note: The bank will charge \$7.70 every month until the next reunion, a total of **\$184.80** if the balance goes below \$500. Better the family keep that money than give it to the bank.)

LOST and FOUND

Found - Red Jacket (size **3XL**)

Lost - sugar dispenser (silver top and glass jar)

Lost - Dutch oven **without** legs

Found - Dutch oven **with** legs

Lost - 4 containers of Almond Milk , a container of trail mix, a clear plastic rain coat, and a can opener knife

Found - blue umbrella

Found - FROM 2005 REUNION - pressure cooker (missing one handle)

Other Notes

Memorial Book

Did you get to see the book that Adelita put together honoring the family members who passed away since the last family reunion? We will sincerely miss Elias Valdez, Adelina Foster, Sally Maestas, Kathy Baca and Sarah Espinar Mendivil.

Oldest and Youngest at the Reunion

Stella (Maestas) Vasquez was our oldest family member attending the reunion. She is the daughter of Jose and Clodovea (Hurtado) Maestas, granddaughter of Cirilio and Cresencia

(Medina) Maestas. Stella received a long cabin lamp. Stellas' great granddaughter Samantha Zepeda was the youngest family member in attendance. Samantha is the daughter of Yvonne (Vasquez) and Luiz Zepeda, daughter of Sam (and Corrine) Vasquez. The gift for the youngest was a family tree book and a blanket.

Family Tree

Wayne Pluchek spent time gathering family tree information. Wayne is the husband of Betty (Baca), daughter of Eloy and Sophie (Zamora) Baca, granddaughter of Ramon and Juanita (Medina de Hurtado) Zamora. Ramon was the brother of Cirilio Maestas and Juanita was the sister of Cresencia. **Wayne shared all the information he has with us. We have a program that can present the family tree data on a web site and the data will be available there when we have the program working.** *For those of you who consider yourselves knowledgeable about family history and genealogy: There were three brothers married to three sisters in that generation. Do you know who the third couple was? (Answer below.)*

Secret Pals

Barbara Rose (brose@barstow.edu) is in charge of Secret Pals for the family reunion. Please let Barbara know if you have **not received anything or if you want a secret pal**. Keep your addresses up to date. Remember this is not supposed to be an expensive endeavor, just a fun way to keep in touch. So send post cards or short notes or ??

Financial - meal considerations

We lost money this year instead of breaking even which is what we aim at so we will need a committee to look over expenses for meals. We cannot afford the cost of brisket, getting it cooked and having enough for family members. In the past we have had donations of meat at cost from family members and that is no longer an option. We also had family members who cooked it for free or family members available to dig a pit for pit cooking. That is also no longer an option. So what else can we do? Send ideas. **If you did not pay for the reunion please send Adelita a check made out to MAESTAS FAMILY REUNION FUND.** (Her address: 606 S 5th St. Raton, NM 87740.)

Baseball Game

The weather made our annual game different this year. It was not the traditional California against the world game but a mix of anyone wanting to play. The kids had a fantastic game and we should have interesting games in the years to come with the enthusiasm we saw.

Christmas Ornaments

In other years we have made ornaments to exchange. If this is something you might find fun to do let Adelita know and we will organize it for 2009.

The answer is: *Maria Eugenia (Medina de Hurtado) and Jose de Gracia Maestas*

Thanks to the Humphrey's, Barbara Rose, Daniel Craig, Lillian Sanchez (food purchase), the Hutson's (table fund donation and food purchase), Paul Maestas, Bordetts, Tano and Rose Chavez (food) for extra donations to the Reunion Fund.

Notes from after the reunion

From Betsy Cornwell:

Joe and Opal Maestas have been busy attending graduations this year. (Joe is the son of Roberto Maestas, grandson of Jose de Gracia and Maria Eugenia Maestas).

First, they went to Sacramento to watch their daughter, Mac (Maestas) Daly receive a Bachelors Degree in business from the University of Phoenix in September 2006.

In May 2007, they traveled to Maine to watch another daughter, Betsy (Maestas) Cornwell, receive a Master of Science degree in Special Education from the University of Southern Maine.

They had to hurry back to California to watch their granddaughter, Leah Heher, graduate from Monte Vista High School in June. Leah left in August to start classes at Westmont College in Santa Barbara. She's the daughter of Judi (Maestas) and Dennis Heher.

Betsy and Mac took a trip to celebrate their degrees in July. They started in Paris, Maine. Then they went to Paris, France for a comparison of the two cities. This was their first trip overseas. They stayed for a week and had a blast in both places, but Paris, France was more exciting.

Betsy says "Hope the reunion went well. I was thinking about all of you. Have a wonderful year."

From Marilyn Maestas:

Andy & Marilyn Maestas are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful granddaughter **Peyton Nicole Maestas**. Peyton was born August 9, 2007 at 5:45 PM. She weighed 7 lbs. 0 oz. and was 19 in. long. Peyton was born at Fallbrook Hospital in Fallbrook, CA. Proud parents are David and Allison Maestas. Peyton was due August 1st; however, August 1st came and went. Doctors then told Allison they were going to induce labor on Friday, August 3rd; but after checking, a decision was made to wait until August 9th (Peyton just wasn't ready). Then on Wednesday evening, August 8th, doctors induced Allison; she went into labor, finally, on the 9th. Allison was in labor all morning (only dilating to a two) and at 3:34 PM doctors made the decision to take the baby by C-Section. Peyton was being stubborn (taking after her Great-Grandpa Carlos), and at 5:45 PM Peyton Nicole Maestas was born. Allison & Peyton were released from the hospital today, Sunday, August 12th and despite the C-section, Allison & Peyton are doing wonderfully. Peyton is Andy & Marilyn's third grandchild. Papa Andy was so anxious to see his grandgirl, I don't think he would have been able to wait another day for her birth!

From the email grapevine:

Marissa Herrera (daughter of Annette Maestas, grand-daughter of CD and Vangie) had a baby girl, **Lilah Jessica Herrera**, born on 9/15/2007. I have no information on height, weight, etc.

From the Hills (Pam and Mike, that is):

Thank you for all of the work that you and your family (and everybody else that was involved in setting-up the reunion) put into this year's reunion! Although, it rained for a couple of days during the reunion, it did not seem to put a damper on the fun that the attendees experienced. It was good to see so many of the older (wiser) relatives at the reunion and think that it is important for them to attend (if health and circumstance permits) as this lends credence to the reunion and sends a good message to the younger folks. I did not especially care for the dog(s) that attended the reunion. It would seem that at one of these reunions, some adult or child is going to get bit. However, I know that many like to bring their pets as they are a "member" of the family. I believe this issue was brought up at the family meeting. In the end, I believe that any problems or concerns that exist with, at, during or because of the reunion can and should be considered secondary to the "real" meaning of the reunion: family comes together every two years to enjoy each other's company and the legacy of the reunion is passed down from generation to generation...lest it be forgotten. Mike & Pam Hill

New Mexico Area Code changes:

When you are calling to New Mexico, you will find there have been changes. The northwestern quarter of the state (sort of) stays as the 505 area code, while the rest of the state becomes area code **575**. This is effective October 7, 2007. The map came from the Qwest web site and is not very good for determining what areas were changed and what were not. Go to the family website for a list of dialing prefixes that are changing and a better map. The address is <http://www.maestas-family.info/documents/areacodechanges.htm>.

Other Notes

Rita Maestas, daughter of Debbie Maestas, grand-daughter of Moises & Florinda Maestas has been ill. We ask that you keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Carlos Craig had cataract surgery October 5 on one eye and will have surgery on the other eye shortly.

Barbara Rose had her wisdom teeth pulled. (See, Barb, now your kids are right—THEY know more than you do!)

Eva Duran's daughter Marlene had shoulder surgery in September and Marlene's sister Marie may need to have it done also.