

We are almost there!! The reunion is 4 weeks away. July 7th -10th is just around the corner. The reunion officially starts on Thursday, July 7th for supper and ends after breakfast on Sunday, July 10th. Details at <http://www.maestas-family.info/>

We need people to let Adelita know that they are coming. Please send your notice to her so we have an idea of how much food/supplies we need to purchase. You can let her know by email at: craigcjadelita@bacavalley.com or snail mail:

606 S 5th St.
Raton, NM 87740

Please pre-pay, if at all possible. The new rates for this reunion will be as follows:

Family of 6 or more- \$75

Family of 5 or fewer - \$60

Couple with 1 child over 6 years - \$60

Couple with 1 child less than 6 years- \$42

Couple without children - \$35

Single (no spouse/friend) - \$25

Single parent with 1 child will be considered as a couple without children - \$35

The higher cost of food has made us raise the rates.

We plan to have activities that help in learning about our family and helps people to interact with family members they might not intermingle with otherwise. Please send ideas on interactive family activities/games/etc. that help us all learn more about our family. Send them to Fabiola at fesposito@solanosoftware.com.

Our plan for all other activities is similar to what we have done in the past. If there is something you would like to recommend that is different please let Daryl know at daryl3@gmail.com. Please consider bringing items to donate for prizes for games.

Don't forget the Christmas presents for the kids. There needs to be one gift for each child you bring. Nothing too expensive.

Make sure you bring your square for the quilt. The design needs to be drawn on a 10" x 10" square of material. Leave a one inch (1") border around all sides of the square for the purpose of attaching squares together. Use a cotton blend such as 60% cotton and 40% polyester. See the [November 2010 newsletter](#) for the colors of each family and complete details.

Paul Maestas, Dan Craig, & Antonio Esposito went through Reunion items to make sure nothing other than the lanterns were stolen when someone broke into Ignacio & Adela's home. It appears that the lanterns were all that are missing. They discussed shelving to put in the kitchen tent. Paul and Antonio also went up to Los Alamitos to check on the road and property. The road needs a little work. The cabin needs to be taken down.

We are taking volunteers for the following tasks:

the daughter of Moises and Florinda (Trujillo) Maestas, granddaughter of Cirilio and Crescencia (Medina) Maestas.

Fabiola (Maestas) Esposito broke the top of her tibia the end of April. She is hoping to be totally off crutches by the 15th of June. Fabiola is the daughter of Ignacio and Adela (Branch) Maestas, granddaughter of Cirilio and Crescencia (Medina) Maestas.

Matt and Joan Maestas held a graduation party for their grandsons Jordan and Jonathan Maestas. Family members attending were Lori Maestas and her family; Joaquin and Lorinda Manual and their family; Paul, his daughters, and nephew Domingo Maestas; Ramon and Addie Maestas; Dan, Jordan, and Adelita Craig; Fabiola and Antonio Esposito; and many more family and friends. Jordan and Jonathan are the sons of Renee Maestas, grandsons of Matt and Joan (Markham) Maestas, great-grandsons of Matias and Sesarita (Cruz) Maestas, great great-grandsons of Cirilio and Crescencia (Medina) Maestas

Cameron Lionor Maestas was born May 29, 2011 at 8:25 PM (PST). His stats were 8lbs 8oz and 21 inches. Cameron is the son of Ernest and Rachel Maestas, grandson of Yolanda Maestas, great-grandson of Lionor and Predicanda (Fernandez) Maestas, great- great-grandson Matias and Rosarito (Atencio) Maestas, great-great-great-grandson of Cirilio and Crescencia (Medina) Maestas

Robert Craig will be deployed to Afghanistan at the end of June, 2011 for 6 months. He will be working in the field, going out with other units and gathering data, which he will then collate and send it all back home. Robert is the son of Carlos and Adelita (Maestas) Craig, grandson of Ignacio and Adela (Branch) Maestas, great-grandson of Cirilio and Crescencia (Medina) Maestas.

Michael and Rhonda Valdez will not be attending the reunion this year. Rhonda's mother will be celebrating her 80th birthday this year and the celebration coincides with the reunion. Michael is the son of Cleo (Maestas) Valdez, grandson of Matias and Sesarita (Cruz) Maestas, great-grandson of Cirilio and Crescencia (Medina) Maestas

From Daryl Brillhart:

My son Joshua got his driver's license last November and is looking for any excuse to drive. He tries to drive me up a wall, but he continues to make me proud. He was sidelined from football when he broke his collar bone during the summer passing league, yet has been in training with the team after his recovery and will be back on the team in the fall for his senior year. With graduation a year away, we're presently in the search and planning mode for college.

In November, my brother David moved from Rushville, IL to accept a new job in Salem, OR, as a staff psychologist in the forensic psychiatric dept. for the Oregon State Hospital. In addition, he is starting his part time private practice as well. He is healthy and enjoying his new home and job in Oregon, and very glad to be that much closer to our folks.

Although my Mom tore some tendons in her should/arm that required surgery and just recovered from a bout of pneumonia within the last year, my folks, Floyd & Flo, are doing

well. My Mom has already returned to exercising at the gym and my Dad still goes shooting weekly, when the weather permits.

Joshua and I look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion this summer.
Love Daryl

From the Valdez family:

Marie Trujillo sends thank you to all for thoughts and prayers for her husband Robert while he was going through health challenges of pneumonia and a broken hip. He is doing much better. Robert Valdez and Anita were married in August. Catherine and Anthony Olguin's (Catherine Valdez) son Joshua achieved the level of 1st degree Black Belt in Taekwondo.

Thank You and God Bless,
Catherine

From Barbara Rose

My daughter Amanda is due on June 27th with my 4th grandbaby. This one will make 3 grandsons. He will most likely come early the doctor says. I say, he just might be the youngest addition to our Maestas family tree. Candace just completed her first year of college and made the President's Honor roll and Austin is recovering nicely from an elbow dislocation during wrestling season. No surgery needed if all goes well with therapy.

Love to you all and see you in July.
Barb

A request from Mike Esposito:

We have been working on the family tree data for many years but we know that we still have many errors and missing data. We would like to get the data base as correct as possible; to this end, we are asking everyone coming to the reunion to bring along any information you have on your part of the family. The program we use can record almost anything about a person's life you can think of—not just birth and death dates, but also pictures, stories, any kind of event occurring in a person's life, and more. If you have pictures, we can handle any kind of computerized photo files and we can scan any pictures that are older and not on a computer.

If you will not be at the reunion, you can send any information you have to the webmaster (webmaster@maestas-family.info) or to Mike Esposito (mre@solanosoftware.com). If you only have the information on paper, you can mail it to:

Mike Esposito
8351 Solana Drive
Thornton, CO80229

If you have pictures that you don't want to risk in the mail, contact us via e-mail and we will try to work out some method of getting them scanned.