



Coqui news...

Dear Members,

I would like to personally thank all of you for making last year such a memorable time. We brought on four new members and had an incredible year. There was growth in every event, introducing new faces into the community. Your presence and positive attitudes have had a direct impact on the success of the events, and are a reflection of the compassion within our community. This year we want to make our events even more memorable, and your participation will be looked forward to.

The community's first event, el Celebracion de los Tres Reyes Magos, was a hit! The attendance of children was a record high. Most, if not all of the children made "Kings" at the Arts and Crafts area, while listening to the history of the Kings' journey. Many members were able to dress like the Three Kings and take pictures in the Manger scene. There was plenty of food, and everyone had his or her fill. The music filled the air, and the children joined in the parranda as well! Finally the Three Kings arrived. Of course the camels were held at customs; however, the children were excited non-the-less. Each child was called by name and received a gift and a bag of candies from the Kings. The excitement in the eyes of the children was precious.

Our future events will be just as spirit lifting. I invite you to look over our calendar of events and come join us on those dates. I look forward to see all of you there!

Finally I would like to thank the SPR board. Their dedication to our community is uplifting. This year I am proud to accept the nomination of president of the SPR. I am excited to work alongside these very dedicated members: Deborah Poertner-vice president; Leandra Elmore-secretary; Irma Colon-treasurer; Siomari Collazo-parliamentarian; Arturo Latimer, Sandy Rodriguez, Amber Simpson, and Martha Castellanos. The community's involvement is the reason for the organization's success. We are here to serve you. Thank you for your commitment.

Omar Maldonado

President

Calendar of Events 2009

➤ **Sunday, March 22**

Bowling Night

Tropicana Bowling Lanes
7960 Clayton Road
(One block from the
Galleria Mall)
St. Louis, MO 63117
Tel. (314) 781-0282
Time 1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M

➤ **Saturday, March 28th**

Noche Bohemia

Señor Pops (LIVE MUSIC)
4101 South Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63118
Tel. (314) 351-2990
Time 6:30 P.M. – 1:30 A.M.
(FREE ADMISSION)

➤ **Saturday, April 18th**

Trivia Night

Time & Place TBA

➤ **Sunday, May 3rd**

Mother's Day
Celebration

Time & Place TBA

➤ **Saturday, June 20th**

Annual Picnic

DeSable Park in St.
Charles, under the 370
bridge at 3rd Street
Time Starts @ 11 a.m.