Annual Membership Dues are Payable Now
Members: $25.00
Associate Members: $15.00
Dues should be mailed to our treasurer:
Mrs. Rosie Anguiano
257 Bustillo Drive
San Antonio, TX 78214-1801
Thank you if you have already paid your dues.
Pass this information on to inactive Members.

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Our Association President, Mary Ida Lobaugh passed away on December 17, 2013. Mary Ida served as our President from January 2013 until her passing. We will always appreciate all the energy and effort she put into making our Association a great organization. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her husband Bob Lobaugh and her children. She will be missed.

Mary Ida Lobaugh was born to Berthold and Frances Henning on June 29, 1937 in downtown Woodsboro, Texas. As a child she treasured times spent with her grandparents on the Rob Welder ranch where her grandfather Ed Singler served as cattle foreman. The simple beauty of a sunrise, animals feeding at dusk or the warm breezes gently blowing across the coastal plains remained a part of Mary Ida.

Mary Ida Lobaugh was a cancer survivor for 23+ years. She described cancer as a condition in which one would learn to control; a condition which must be researched, taught and dealt with as a way of life. She was stricken with lymphoma in mid October and daily she fought a valiant, noble battle while never faltering in her faith.

This never ending love and appreciation of the outdoors was shared with her children and grandchildren. As an eleventh generation Native Texan she loved her Texas and taught her children to preserve and respectfully protect all that they are given. With a rich German and Canary Islander heritage she taught her children their family past and cultures but always stressed that we were Americans first. God, country and family was her basic creed to live by.

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Dear Canary Islanders,

Here is a summary of key items since our CIDA meeting on January 19, 2014 in San Antonio.

A vacancy in the Office of President occurred with the passing of our President Mary Ida Lobaugh. I was ratified as the CIDA President for the remainder of this current term, which lasts until officer installation in January 2015.

Our next regular election will be in November 2014. Incoming officers will be able to work with the existing officers to “learn the ropes” until the January 2015 installation. This means our current team has almost one year left to make their contributions toward rebuilding our organization.

We plan to hold a special election in the near future, to fill empty elected-officer positions for the remainder of this current term. And, we plan on filling other empty positions and forming some standing committees. You will receive more details about this soon.

In the meantime, please consider putting your name in the hat for these jobs: 1st Vice President, Public Affairs, Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant-at-Arms; and, Telephone Committee, Historical/Library Committee, and Courtesy Committee.

We have also discussed developing “back-up” for all key positions, to provide continuity of operations in the future.

Our next general meeting will be on Saturday, February 22, 2014. The Board will meet from 10:30 am – 11:30 am, with the general meeting from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. We will meet at the AT&T Community Center (San Fernando Community building) where we usually meet. We will continue to discuss rebuilding CIDA, gaining membership, identifying projects and raising funds. You will receive a separate notification on this meeting.

We are returning to monthly meetings, to allow you to have more chances to attend meetings. Some meetings may also include “workshops” where members and potential members can learn about CIDA-related subjects. We will send out specific notices for these meetings, so you will have a chance to participate.

We attended a Mass at Mission Concepcion on Sunday, February 2, 2014 to observe the Feast Day of Our Lady of Candelaria, the Patroness of the Canary Islands. Over 30 of us were there, with a dozen in our Canary Islands traditional dress. We were in a procession that preceded the Mass. You will read about that in a future CIDA Events message, and the upcoming newsletter.

We will attend a 10:00 am Mass at San Fernando Cathedral, and a CIDA Luncheon later at the Plaza Club on Sunday, March 9, 2014 to observe the arrival of the 16 Canary Islands families to what is now San Antonio, on March 9, 1731. You will receive specific information about the Mass and luncheon very soon.

Past President Gene Chapa will start publishing the CIDA newsletter. Gene is also working on getting the CIDA website updated more frequently. If you have inputs for Gene please contact geneC1731@att.net.

You should have received a notice requesting 2014 dues. If not, please let me know.

Please send me any comments, recommendations and ideas you have for CIDA. You may contact me at 210-621-8337 or corymorales42@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings, upcoming workshops and events. This is your organization, your heritage and your extended family.

People always ask me “where are those Canary Islanders, in their traditional dress, with the colorful banners”? They used to see us a lot, and they need to see us again.

Sincerely,

Socorro Morales
Our Lady of Candelaria  
February 2, 2014  
The Descendants and Friends gathered at Mission Concepcion, San Antonio, Texas to celebrate mass on the Feast Day of our Lady of Candelaria.  
Photos Courtesy of Rosemary Geyer
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Mary Ida was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend, nurse, native Texan, historian, colleague, minister and cancer survivor.

Mary Ida is preceded in death by her parents Berthold and Frances Hennig of Sinton; her in-laws Joe and Bertha Lobaugh of Taft and her brother Thomas Allen Hennig of Alexandria, Va.

She is survived by her Husband Robert J. ‘Bob’ Lobaugh of Sinton, Texas; daughter Tammy Kay Lobaugh of Galveston, Texas; Son Michael Alan Lobaugh and Ed Lobaugh of Moriarty, NM; son Jeffery Wayne Lobaugh and Andre Wilson, Texas; Grandson Coby Wayne Lobaugh of Flint, Texas; baptismal God children and nephews Stephen Edward Hennig and Melissa of Austin, Texas; Thomas Austin Hennig and Sara of Alexandria, Va. and Michael McCreary of Austin, Texas; brother William Edward Hennig and Elaine of Austin, Texas; sister-in-law LeeAnn Hennig of Alexandria, Va.; Aunts Lavada Singler of Refugio, Texas and Ann Kelm of Houston, Texas; numerous cousins and dear friends.

A Celebration of Mary Ida’s life was held at Peace Lutheran Church, in Woodsboro, Texas on Saturday December 21, 2013 at 3:00 Pm. Her burial was in Sinton, Texas.

Canary Islands Descendants Association

Purpose

A. To encourage and promote all educational studies and historical and genealogical research that enhance the historical, cultural and civic significance of the accomplishments of the sixteen original Canary Islands families who founded the Villa de San Fernando, now the City of San Antonio.

B. To foster and perpetuate the preservation of documents and artifacts identified with the culture and life of the Canary Islanders’ history in San Antonio, Texas.

C. To initiate, and promote programs, lectures and civic events which are intended for the general public, and which are conducted to memorialize historical sites and buildings associated with the Canary Islanders’ history in San Antonio, such as San Fernando Cathedral.

D. To establish and promote the celebration of significant days and commemorative civic events that celebrate those special days linked to the Canary Islanders’ history in San Antonio for example: February 2-Feast day of La Virgen de la Candelaria, Patroness of the Canary Islands; March 9-Commemoration of the day the 16 families arrived at the Presidio San Antonio de Bejar; and August 1-Commemoration of the establishment of the first civil government in 1731.

E. To remain non-political in structure and activity, yet a viable civic entity.
Join us to Celebrate the 283rd Anniversary of the 
Arrival of Our Ancestors

Schedule of Events

Sunday, March 9, 2014

Mass at 10:00 am at San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas
The Canary Islands Descendants in procession in traditional dress, with flags and banners.

Luncheon at 12:00 Noon, The Plaza Club, Frost Bank Tower
Located one block away from San Fernando, featuring a Buffet, Music, Speaker, and displays.

Price is $33.00 for Adults, and $11.00 for Children Under 12
Please make check payable to CIDA
Send to:
Mary Jane Evans
18668 Bandera Rd
Helotes, Tx 78203
RSVP no later than March 5, 2014
Your check is your reservation

Parking is FREE in the Frost Bank Building- at the Plaza Club
Members, at the Mass, we need you to volunteer in your traditional dress for the following: to carry 16 banners and 2 flags in the procession; and three Catholic gift bearers.
Contact Rosemary for details

Everyone who has beautiful traditional dress, plan to wear it to the Mass and the Luncheon-Please spread the word about the Mass and the Luncheon, these events are open to everyone, and everyone is welcome. Invitations will be sent out soon, RSVP and Please send in payments as early as possible.

Rosemary Geyer, Events Chair
For more information and to volunteer for the Mass and the Luncheon
Contact Rosemary Geyer at:
geyerja@earthlink.net or 210-658-5734