



## 2005 Anaco – San Tomé Reunion July 28-31 Sheraton Four Points, Austin, TX

Hello, everyone. It 's that time of year again – time to make plans for the Austin Reunion. For those of you who haven't heard anything about the reunion since George Hall sent the update last year, there have been some changes. George, who has coordinated the reunion since Cleo Seelinger retired, has decided to call it quits. He has more than paid his dues and felt that some OTHER lucky person should pick up the ball. I still haven't quite figured out HOW, but that person is me. My name is Carolyn Lowrey. I was born in Anaco in 1953. My parents were Perry and Shirley Lowrey, and I know an awful lot of you on this list will remember them. Dad worked for Mobil and we were there till Dad retired in 1971. My brother John was also born in Venezuela – many of you know him from his Anaco website. I have already communicated with many of you, who gave me your email addresses at the last reunion. Those of you on the mailing list who would prefer to get information via email, please just send me a note at [venreunion@att.net](mailto:venreunion@att.net) and I'll add you to the list. For this year at least I am sending out hard copies of all the info to everyone to make sure that everyone stays up-to-date. With the postage about to go up again maybe next year I will only mail out info to those who don't have email addresses, but I'll do a poll on that first.

The reunion will be held, as it has been for the last several years, at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Austin. The phone number to call for reservations is (512) 836-8520. Be sure to specify that you are coming for the Anaco – San Tomé Reunion (also known as the Cleo Reunion in honor of our founder.) The address of the hotel is 7800 North I-35, Austin, TX 78753. It's at the northwest corner of I-35 and Hwy 183, and you'll need to take the St. John's exit off of I-35. The rate we have been quoted for rooms is \$69 per room, whether it is a single or double.

We had a really good group at the reunion last year, although I think MY generation is dragging its heels a bit. It was great fun seeing some faces that we hadn't seen in 30 years or so, and I hope they'll come again and spread the word to any friends from Venezuela. Even those who didn't have the privilege of living in Anaco or San Tomé are more than welcome. We usually get off to a slow start on Friday, with people trickling in. We will have the Trinity room open and will start accumulating food Friday afternoon. Anyone who wants to bring something is encouraged to do so. I'll take care of paper supplies and plasticware, as we have always done, and we have several reunion coolers to hold any drinks you want to bring. It's an open bar, so bring whatever you'd like to bring and share. The same applies for food.

I am not sending out copies of the mailing list as it is cost prohibitive, but any of you who really want one, just drop me a note and I'll send it to you directly. I will have copies at the reunion for anyone to pick up.

On a sad note, there have been two deaths that I am aware of in the Anaco expat community. Doris Wheaton died in the summer of 2004 and Stella Maiers passed away a couple of months ago. They were both old friends of my parents, and it's like losing another piece of my past. My heart goes out to both their families. There may have been other deaths or major events that I haven't been made aware of, so please pass on any information that you hear about and I'll mention it in the next update. You can send me a note at my home address or give me a call on my cell phone (469) 964-7116. I'll also be happy to share any letters you'd like to send to the reunion and will have them available for everyone to read.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Austin. For those who have not been in a number of years, and who don't feel that Austin in July is a good place to be, we now meet **INSIDE** the hotel, in a very large meeting room (with **VERY GOOD AIR-CONDITIONING!**). You don't even have to step outside in the heat if you don't want to. Please give it some thought. Believe me, you are missed. Even if you don't see any of your old best friends I can assure you you will make new ones. Our shared experiences of living in Venezuela, whether in Anzoategui or anywhere else, give us a unique perspective, and are a bond that has kept this reunion going for over 40 years now. Hopefully we can keep it going for many more.

Hasta la próxima, con mucho cariño.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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