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From the President

Dear PAOS Members and Friends;

Welcome to the New Year. If you missed our end of the year Holiday Party then you missed a lovely evening. The room was decorated with beautiful orchids, beautiful people, beautiful music and wonderful food selections. There was our traditional tabletop competition and members outdid themselves with their creations. That is lovely Lynn Corson on our cover with her artistic creation. There were sweet centerpiece prizes that our own Shirley Berckmans created, and a fun Chinese Raffle.

Your board met the first Thursday in January and proposed that the 2016 Holiday Party be held the second Tuesday in December, as our bylaws state. That will be the 13th of December. We will not be changing dates to accommodate other clubs, to avoid confusion. The board further proposed the following:

If you attend 1 meeting and bring refreshments, then you will receive a holiday plant. You **MUST** attend the party to receive your plant; we will no longer hold plants or let someone else choose for you. Unlike other clubs we will still gift members with a second plant if they have PERFECT attendance. That means every month and you cannot make up a missed meeting. Our dues may be \$5.00 higher than other clubs, but that subsidizes part of the cost for giving away two plants.

Our Auction will be held the third Tuesday in March, on the regular meeting night and time. In addition, we are planning a garage sale to be held either in the spring or fall to supplement our Treasury. Keep an eye out for more information on that so you can participate and assist the club in fundraising. Adequate funds in the treasury are mandatory for bringing you quality speakers each month, and Rossy Ochoa and David Foster have been working very hard to line up speakers that you will not want to miss.

Don't forget your dues are payable at the January meeting.

We begin the year hopeful and optimistic, but know that into every life some rain will fall. Taylor's Guide to Orchids states that grouping orchid together enhances better overall growth. Know that we are all friends in Pan American Orchid Club and by grouping together we can all help one another.

See you at the meeting!

Gail

President

Just as our orchids bring new blooms and new fragrances into our lives, may the New Year bring new beauty and a new freshness into your life.



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Rossy Ochoa and David Foster lined up Mr. Ivan Portilla from Ecuagenera Orquideas del Ecuador to address us at our next meeting this Tuesday, January 19.

Ivan's love and commitment to orchids are reflected in his professional engagements which take him around the world promoting, selling and educating the public about orchids.

You can learn all about Ecuagenera's offerings on their website—<http://www.ecuagenera.com/>, including a price list: http://www.ecuagenera.com/epages/whitelabel4.sf/en_GB/?ObjectPath=/Shops/ecuagenera/Categories/%22Price%20List%22

Be ready for an amazing selection of plants.

See you at the meeting!





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2016 Tamiami International Orchid Festival

Saturday January 23rd and
Sunday January 24th

Dade County Fair Expo Center Fuchs Pavilion
Saturday - 10am to 7pm, Sunday - 10am to 6pm

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