

HISTORY OF OUR PUCHERO



The Puchero emerged at the 1977 celebrations of the goodness of a neighbor, Mrs. María, wife of Sr. Julián. His house was located at that time next to La Palmera (“The Palm”), on the ground that is currently used for the celebration of the Cattle Fair.

The cattle ranchers came from the early hours of the day where they were until dusk, among small trucks, parrandas, even some other cockfights and other hobbies.

That year of 1977, Mrs. María prepared her usual cauldron of puchero in the old house where her parents worked as mediators. That year she cooked two cauldrons, one for her family and another one to invite the farmers, since she knew that many of them had not eaten and distributed it in the yard of her house.

It was a lovely day between family, where the stew and good wine were not lacking. The gesture of Mrs. María towards the farmers caused the voice to run quickly outside the neighborhood.

When the holidays arrived the following year she repeated it with three cauldrons to the fire to invite the cattlemen and members of the holiday’s commission again.

This is how the third year and with five cauldrons, the puchero is distributed among neighbors, ranchers and people arriving outside the neighborhood, attracted by the word of mouth of those who had enjoyed such delicacy. In that particular year (1979), a cycle of continuous changes of transfers from the distribution area of the puchero (due to the influx of visitors) to an old pond that existed in front of La Palmera (“The Palm”), which today is a solar where there is only a small gap of cement that proves it.

As of the eighties, a wandering of the location of the distribution of the stew begins. Empty lots of the neighborhood are always used, but population growth and infrastructure improvement are occupying those lots. This wandering ends in the current situation, in the street Reverendo Jesús Luis Pérez, although being private lots a change in the future is not ruled out.

From the beginning of the puchero, the ingredients used are donated by the neighbors. After the neighborhood association is inaugurated, the preparation of the puchero is carried out in these facilities. The collaboration of the different groups of the neighborhood, highlighting the participation of the students of the school Leoncio Estévez Lui, neighbors and friends, make possible the realization of the Puchero with more than 130 collaborators.

