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APOGLA Render Service for the Military at Operation Gratitude

By Bro. Roehl Reyes

APOGLA volunteers once again trooped to Chatsworth last Saturday, Aug.12, to render service for the military overseas. First, let us take a look at what this operation is all about, and how it all began.

When and how **OPERATION GRATITUDE** began Operation Gratitude was founded in 2003. Carolyn Blashek was talking to a soldier on his way back to the Iraq War. “I’m going back over there. I know I won’t make it back this time, but it doesn’t matter because no one would even care. Carolyn was stunned, and she immediately wanted him and everyone who serves our country to know that the American people care. That was the moment OPERATION GRATITUDE was born. Carolyn realized that Care packages are also a perfect way to show our troops that their sacrifices are appreciated here at home. The first 650 Operation Gratitude Care Packages were created in her living room, and since that time, with the help of tens of thousands of volunteers nationwide, the organization has sent almost four million care packages.

APOGLA Discerned the Allure of Operation Gratitude

In 2007, Brother Sancho Sy, then APOGLA President, discovered Operation Gratitude through his daughter, Kristin. She was a volunteer with Van Nuys High School. Brod Sancho then collaborated with and assigned the Gamma Epsilon International to take the lead of this service project with Sis Rachella Williams as its chair. At that time the service was at the Army National Guard armory on Victory Blvd., Van Nuys. Since then, Operations Gratitude has moved to a new building in Chatsworth and also has become an annual service undertaking of the association.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August is a huge month for APOGLA! As of this writing, we are busy preparing for our biggest fund-raising project, the APOGLA Golf Tournament, on Aug 11th at the Brookside Golf course in Pasadena. This is chaired by the well-oiled machines, consisting of Bro Ruel Umandal, Bro Eric Serrano and Bro Jojo Ferrer. We expect 40+ golfers to join us and a significant number of hole sponsors have confirmed! We are so looking forward to such an enjoyable and successful event! Congratulations to our APOGLA golfers- winners and participants!

Our annual Operation Gratitude takes place the following day, August 12th at Chatsworth. As most of you know, this is our small way of expressing our gratitude and support to the men and women in uniform. Putting together care packages and kits, that are sent to deployed troops overseas and their families, are very heartwarming and worthwhile. We appreciate Bro Jimmy Bautista and his lovely wife Vilma, for coordinating this special service and offering their beautiful home for the fellowship after. The August GMM on August 19 will also be held at their place - thank you very much for your generosity and hospitality!

To the hardworking volunteers of these activities, a heartfelt thank you! You have my utmost appreciation! You are the unsung heroes!

Which brings us to another exciting ACNA convention in September! Our 5 voting delegates have been chosen and we are ready to rah-rah Bro Art Rivera as he runs for the ACNA 1st Vice President position. Work has also been completed around the ACNA Leadership; Friendship and Service awards application. Thank you Sis Jen Evangelista for single-handedly writing narratives, and compiling /organizing all the pictures. Also, Thank you Bro Dony Rondilla for the all-important input you provided, specially the "Summaries". There is ongoing discussion among the delegates, the elders and past presidents as to who APOGLA will support among the 3 ACNA presidential candidates. We welcome anyone's input and feedback regarding this matter.

To all who are planning to attend the ACNA convention in Seattle, let us all put our best foot forward while maintaining our APOGLA pride!

I am so pumped to be back from my summer hiatus—thank you Sis Ophel for taking over so well!

See you all soon! This flight 2023 is soaring high!

Faternally Yours,
Bro. Rene Calvario
APOGLA, President 2023

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EULOGY

In Celebration of the life of the late Brod Rudolfo Asprer Flores, July 22, 2023, 1:30 pm, at the Church of the Recessional, Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Good afternoon, everyone! I am Tagumpay Navarro from Venice Island, Florida. Together with my wife, Beth, we are here to give our respect and to honor APO Lakay Rudolfo Flores.

Who is Rudolfo Asprer Flores?

To me he was a dear friend, a fraternity brother. I have known him for 66 years (since 1957). That's even 10 years longer than I have known my wife, Beth.

I first met him at the basketball court in the FEU quadrangle. I was playing HORSE basketball with two classmates when a tall man approached us and asked if he could join us. That started our friendship.

Rudy encouraged us to join the APO International Fraternity and in 1958 we became full pledged members. He knew Mario Estacio, who was our recruiter and sponsor. The President then was Ben Gozon.

On the last day of initiation, Rudy and I became close friends with fellow neophytes Nathaniel Torres, Adol Gatmaitan and Cornelio Fontanilla. We pledged that if any one of us neophytes is not accepted, hell will break loose. But of course, it didn't happen, and we were all accepted. Our fraternity taught us leadership, friendship, and service whenever and wherever one is needed. One of the activities we liked and enjoyed was visiting the schools and universities to participate in APO activities.

Brod Rudy loved to play and watch basketball games and other sports, listen to music and of course, dancing was his forte. He even taught the latest dance craze! Those days, of course, we loved to party and meet beautiful women!

Rudy kept himself physically fit and later came to like gardening and tending to his yard and he shared the fruits of his labor. He also loved fishing in the oceans and lakes of California. I found him a quiet and observant person, conservative, practical, and frugal but very generous if there was a need.

He liked to be addressed as APO Lakay, the Igorot, as his tribute to the indigenous people of the Mt. Province, and to Baguio City where he was born and where he grew up. He was a devoted son, loving and caring for his siblings, his family, relatives and loyal to his friends.

Brod Rudy, APO Lakay, the Igorot, lived his life to the fullest and contributed to mankind by sharing his wisdom.

We will miss you, but your memories will remain with us always.

Let us celebrate his eternal life!

By Bro. Tagumpay Navarro M.D., Alpha '58

Bidding Farewell to our Senior Brother . . .

By Bro. Dony Rondilla

Alpha Phi Omega Greater Los Angeles celebrated the life of our dearly departed senior member, Brother Rudy Flores, Batch '58 from Alpha Chapter with a touching tribute at the Church of the Recessional in Forest Lawn, Glendale. Brother Rudy was a respected and cherished member of the fraternity, leaving behind a legacy of determination, camaraderie, and loyalty.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega Greater Los Angeles came together to bear witness to a necrological rites performed by members of Alpha Chapter headed by Brother Sancho Sy Alpha '82, Sis Ophel Amon Alpha '60, Sis Irma Almazan, Alpha '71, Brother Caloy Ebalo from San Diego, Alpha '78, and Sis Ruby Fernando, Alpha '83.

The eulogy given by Brother Doctor Tagumpay "Vic" Navarro, a batchmate of Brother Rudy speaks to the deep and lasting friendships that were forged within the fraternity. Their connection, which began with a simple game of basketball during their college days and evolved into a lifelong bond through Alpha Phi Omega, is truly heartwarming.

Though Brother Rudy has left this world, his legacy and the memories shared by APOGLA members together with his loving partner of 25 years, Flordeliza Padlan, his two children, Radcliffe and Sheryl, will undoubtedly keep his spirit alive. May his soul rest in peace.



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And today...



This year, Brod Jimmy Bautista is the Chairman but because of the limited space, each organization is limited to 20 volunteers. There is the usual assembly line for making the boxes. These then are filled with care products, thank you letters, customized stuffed animals, coffee, candles, and a lot more goodies. At the end of the line, the boxes are closed and loaded to the pallets for overseas shipment. There is a room where they make lanyards which are the cords worn as a symbol of a military citation. Stuffed animals are assembled in another room and another area where kids write thank you letters.

That day, Chairman Jimmy Bautista and his wife Vilma, Pres. Rene Calvario and wife Winnie were all at the parking lot distributing hard boiled eggs, fruits, doughnuts, coffee, and cold bottled water to all who labored. After three hours, the 349 volunteers were able to assemble 4800 packages.



APOKIDS SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

The APOkids Scholarship Committee is proud to announce that they are now accepting applications from kids of APOGLA members who recently graduated High School this school year 2022-2023. Deadline to submit applications is on September 30, 2023.

For details, please contact any member of the committee:

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Bro. Francis Mejia, Member - Email: francism626@hotmail.com

DR. LIBRADO I. URETA AWARD 2023

The search for Dr. Librado I. Ureta Awards 2023 is on, please nominate a brother or a sister who you think exemplify outstanding character and leadership to be the next awardee.

Send your nominations to the following:

Sis. Melody Ang-Gayon, Chairperson - Email: melody.apo1925@yahoo.com

beeBro. Beeboy Mansilla, Asst. Chairman - Email: beeb1925@hotmail.com



OBITUARY

Our beloved BROD GEOFFREY ARROYO, 67, passed away on August 14, 2023 from a cardiac arrest. Even though his ailment took him away from us, his kindness, cheerfulness and helpfulness leave wonderful memories to all of us.



He was a proud Papa to his son Gilchrist and daughter Genelle. His jokes and bright smiles will be missed by all APOGLA members.

On behalf of the whole APOGLA family, our deepest condolences to the Arroyo family.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Further announcements will be made later.

APOGLA Sistahs: Another Weekend Get Away

July 28 marked another day when APOGLA sisters found an opportunity to get together, celebrate camaraderie and welcome returning APOGLA member Sis Ann Asuncion. Sisters Emma G., Josie T., Melody G., BicBic F., Hazel S., Malene B., Ruby F., Fely M., Dae M., Ann A., Marilou F., Apple S., Martina S. and yours truly were present.

Friday evening started with delicious boba drinks at R&B Tea Rosemead while early bird sisters waited for the rest of the group to arrive. Sisters then proceeded to a dinner of steaming dim sum, Dan Dan noodles, beef and shrimp fried noodles and popcorn chicken with cups of hot green tea at Mr. Dragon Noodle House. The food was excellent, the stories and camaraderie shared were memorable.

We received an invitation to attend the celebration of a third degree conferral at the Rosemead Masonic Lodge. As you know, APOGLA Sisters are not shy and readily accepted the invitation and proceeded to the Lodge after our scrumptious dinner. Sisters danced the night away to music performed by the live band.

Hopefully, other APOGLA sisters will be available to join more of these short and sweet get togethers that Sis Melody believes is a great way to allow new sisters to connect with current APOGLA sisters and do things together.

All Sisters present agreed that the best parts of the night was the opportunity to connect, the delicious food with to-go, dancing and spending time with Sis Ann A. who has been residing in Northern California for the last couple of years.

- by Sis. Jen Evangelista

To be honest, I always feel awkward whenever I get a chance to join an APO gathering. I feel out of place because it seems everybody knows everyone, and I don't. But I am so thankful to my APOGLA sisters for being supportive and allowing me to be myself around them. I will admit, I am typically shy and quiet. I sometimes shy away when I receive invites because I feel that I have a lot to catch up on and might not be an easy companion. But my dear lovely sisters never stopped pushing me out of my shell and made me feel that I belong. Last July 28, I got to join them for a fun, all girls bonding night. My first rendezvous with them and it was a night to remember. It was fun and heart-warming, it made me feel proud and honored to be a part of this amazing bond of sisterhood.

We shared lots of laughter and giggles, danced the night away. Of course, we finished the last drop of wine and had a toast for ever-ending friendship – that was the BEST part!

To my APOGLA Sisters, it is with great pride to stand side by side with all of you and to be a part of this family. MWAB!

- by Sis. Apple Soledad



ACNA ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATE



Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Council of North America 16th Biennial Convention

September 1 – 3, 2023

Double Tree Hotel Southcenter | Seattle, Washington

CONVENTION SCHEDULE



| DATE and TIME | ACTIVITY | LOCATION | COMMENTS |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|
| THURSDAY – 08/31 | | | |
| 7:00AM – 3:00PM | Check-in and Golf Tournament | Auburn Golf Course | Medel Calayag (206) 396-4883 Gaylord Arata (425) 492-5180 Meryl Townsend (206) 380-5889 |
| 1:00PM – 5:00PM | Registration – Convention Attendees | NW Ballroom | JP Paredes (206) 574-8183 |
| FRIDAY – 9/1 | | | |
| 7:00AM – 9:00AM | Breakfast at the Northwest Landing | Double Tree Hotel | All checked-in Guests Go To Hotel Breakfast Room |
| 9:00AM – 4:00PM | Registration | Hospitality Room | JP Paredes (206) 574-8183 |
| 9:00AM – 4:00PM | Tours as Scheduled by Convention Attendees with Customized Tours & Charters, LLC | Various Locations | Meryl Townsend (206) 380-5889 |
| 9:00AM – 4:00PM | Meeting – APO ACNA Board of Directors | NW Ballroom | Gaylord Arata (425) 492-5180 |
| 6:00PM – 12:00MN | Parade of Colors and Awards Night | NW Ballroom | Gaylord Arata (425) 492-5180 |
| 9:00PM – 11:00PM | Poker Night | Hospitality Room | Guidz Pacada (253) 709-8098 |
| 12:00MN – 2:00AM | Fellowship | Hospitality Room | Gaylord Arata (425) 492- 5180 |
| SATURDAY – 9/2 | | | |
| 7:00AM – 9:00AM | Breakfast at the Northwest Landing | Double Tree Hotel | All checked-in Guests Go To Hotel Breakfast Room |
| 9:00AM – 3:00PM | Registration | Hospitality Room | JP Paredes (206) 574-8183 |
| 9:00AM – 4:00PM | General Assembly Session | NW Ballroom | ACNA Officers, BODs, Voting Delegates Only |
| 9:00AM – 4:00PM | Tours as Scheduled by Convention Attendees with Customized Tours & Charters, LLC | Various Locations | Meryl Townsend (206) 380-5889 |
| 12:00PM – 1:00PM | Lunch | NW Ballroom | ACNA Officers, BODs, Voting Delegates Only |
| 1:00PM – 3:00PM | Election of APO ACNA Officers | NW Ballroom | ACNA Officers, BODs and Voting Delegates Only |
| 3:00PM – 4:00PM | Election Results | NW Ballroom | ACNA Officers, BODs and Voting Delegates Only |
| 6:00PM – 12:00MN | Gala Night | NW Ballroom | All Registered Convention Attendees |
| 12:00MN – 2:00AM | Fellowship | Hospitality Room | Gaylord Arata (206) 492 - 5180 |
| SUNDAY – 9/3 | | | |
| 7:00AM – 9:00AM | Breakfast at the Northwest Landing | Double Tree Hotel | All checked-in Guests Go To Hotel Breakfast Room |
| 10:00AM – 3:00PM | Tours as Scheduled by Convention Attendees with Customized Tours & Charters, LLC | Various | Meryl Townsend (206) 380-5889 |
| 10:00AM – 7:00PM | Brunch at the Park | Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park | Reuben Roque (425) 314-9902 |

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Pictures from APOGLA Golf Tournament @Brookside G.C.



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FROM MY POINT OF VIEW

Another Exhilarating Philippine American Friendship Day

By Bro. Dan E. Nino

Cerritos, Calif. – An estimated 4,000 attendees trooped to the 2nd Los Angeles County's Largest Philippine American Friendship Day celebration on July 15 at the Don Knabe Community Regional Park

under a bright sunny day.

This yearly event is hosted by the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) Greater Los Angeles and co-presented by Los Angeles County chaired by Supervisor Janice Hahn as prime sponsor in partnership with So Jannelle TV Production.

True to its theme this year of "Building Bridges Across Communities", various cultural groups like the Samoan Cultural Dance performing the *Tupulaga*, the Club *Magkaisa* of Cerritos High School wowing the motley crowd with their *Tinikling* and *Paso Doble*, the Maranao Dance of Tata Malong Malong presented by Iligan City and Lanao Del Norte of Southern California, the throbbing acrobatic dance of the Junior New Systems, a finalist in "America's Got Talent" who came all the way from the Philippines with their six-inch high-heeled shoes and the Move Essentials composed of five lovely ladies in their elevated skateboard-like dancing shoes performing intense rhythmic Sumba, were among the top hits of this day-long non-stop entertainment.

Elected officials from various mainstream and local communities headed by Supervisor Hahn, California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, Congresswoman Michelle Steel, Los Angeles Controller Kenneth Mejia and Deputy Consul General Francis Maynard Maleon were on hand to inspire, greet and mingle with the throng.

Supervisor Hahn said, "It is so good to be here at the second Annual L.A. County's Largest Philippine American Friendship Day. I'm so proud to have been a part of launching this event last year and make sure that we not only kept this new tradition alive but made it even bigger and better."

She also gave a big shout out to Fil-Am Amiel Noble of Artesia-based Noble Creations where she got her *Filipiniana* outfit as well as huge shout outs to numerous Fil-Am City Council members and mayors across her district.

The Supervisor continued, "Los Angeles County is not only home to the largest community of Filipino-Americans in the country. We are home to the largest concentration of Filipinos in the world outside of Manila! And that's why this event is so important. This festival is an opportunity to enjoy so many of the wonderful things Filipino American culture has to offer. But it is also an opportunity to lift-up the Filipino Americans who work to improve our community every day."

The Los Angeles County Supervisor chairperson also acknowledged the presence of her six commissioners including Filipino-American Hawaiian Councilmember Dandy De Paula as Human Relations commissioner.

She also announced that she authored a motion to have Los Angeles County officially recognize the 125th anniversary of the Philippine Independence from Spain and celebrate the Philippine American Friendship Day.

Thereafter, she presented a scroll to Jannelle So-Perkins as overall chairperson this year on behalf of the entire Board of NaFFAA Greater Los Angeles Region.

This yearly event was kicked off with a fun parade at 8:30 a.m. passing briefly on the pathway edge of the scenic lake and snaked through around the huge canopy surrounded by 65 smaller tents of food booths, food trucks, exhibitors, vendors, military, major sponsors McDonald's and Toyota with its e-vehicles on display and several other government entities and Philippine-made Sarao jeepney – had elicited attractions from the community.

Enhancing innovations in the parade is the cash reward of \$200 each for three groups of participants. The cash award for the Largest Contingent went to the Holy Family Church Catholic Community, Liveliest Contingent was received by the combined forces of Alpha Phi Omega Greater Los Angeles and APO South Bay and the Most Colorful Contingent was awarded to the Iligan City and Lanao Del Norte of Southern California for their colorful Malong-inspired costume.

The excitement in the parade was further boosted by the Mounted Sheriffs and the L.A. County helicopter flyover.

While the entertainment was on-going, the Don Knabe gym was pulsating with action for a one-day basketball tournament from kids to adult players. Workshops were also conducted on the side on investment, government financing programs and immigration at the conference room.

The success of this event can also be attributed to the volunteers including California, Nevada, Arizona, Repeater Network (CNARN), a Ham Radio Organization, the combined force of APOGLA/APO South Bay Alumni and the Alpha Kappa Rho Alumni.

Parade Marshalls were Overall PAFD Overall Chair Jannelle So Perkins, Overall Vice Chair Dan E. Nino and Lauren Yokomizo, Supervisor Janice Hahn's Field Deputy.

Another stellar features of the parade were the flyover of a helicopter and the mounted sheriff deputies.

To assure that the huge crowd were fed and hydrated -- seven food booths and two food trucks serving Filipino cuisines were on hand complimented by free fruit smoothies all-day long from McDonald's and Jollibee complimentary meals to volunteers, VIPs and performers.

The non-stop entertainment was preceded by a simple ritual like the banging of the gong by this year's chairperson, Jannelle So, welcome remarks by NaFFAA CEO and Board Chairman Noel S.V. Omega and invocation by Holy Family Church Pastor of Artesia, Rev. Fr. John Roxas Cordero who also participated in the parade.

In recognition to Supervisor Hahn's sustained support to this yearly milestone and TFC and ANC TV anchor Jannelle So-Perkin, NaFFAA top honcho Omega presented them with a handsome glass memento.

The day was climaxed by the performances of Robin Nievera and DJ Rocky Rock who dished out danceable music where disco enthusiasts filled the dance floor fronting the stage.

The day culminated with the turnover of a giant key presented by Jannelle So to the next overall chairperson next year, Cerritos Councilwoman Lynda Johnson.

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APOGLA and APO South Bay Won the “Liveliest Contingent” Cash Award

Cerritos, Calif. – The combined forces of APOGLA and APO South Bay, won the “Liveliest Contingent” award during the parade organized by the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) Greater Los Angeles Region on July 15 at the Don Knabe Community Regional Park in this tree-lined city, about 20 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

This year’s overall chairperson Jannelle So, an anchor of TFC and ANC News Channel, Brod Dan E. Nino, last year’s overall chair and who also served this year as overall vice chair and Lauren Yokomizo, the field deputy of Los Angeles Supervisor Janice Hahn were the lead marshals. The trio guided the parade organizations from the parking lot to the pathway edge of the scenic lake and snaked through around the huge canopy surrounded by 65 food vendors, booth exhibitors including the sponsoring the Los Angeles County, Toyota, MacDonald’s and Sarao jeep.

As the APO alumni volunteers with their colorful banner were about to approach the stage, they sang the APO Toast Song, which most likely earned the judges’ nod for this special award. The group was handed \$200 by parade chairman Brod Dan which will be divided equally between APOGLA and APO South Bay.

APO volunteers assisted in many ways like setting up the trash boxes, picking up the food from Jollibee Restaurant in nearby Artesia, parking directions and parade formation.

The APOGLA group includes Brods Gerald Remorozo as head coordinator, Christian David, Arnel Miranda, Bernard Gopez, Domel Evangelista, Honey Boy Fajota, Aldren Garcia, Carlo Araneta and Sis Betta David, Tess Solis and Lucia Bebot Mercado.

The APO South Bay contingent is composed of Brods Raul Sambitan (head coordinator), Dominic Espejo, Nestor Gonzalez, Boggie Ambray, Henry Mandapat and Emmanuel Dime and Sis Ellen Sambitan, Mayra Aclan and Donna Sagaidoro.

Other parade organizations which won awards that was introduced this year, were the Holy Family Catholic Community for the “Largest Delegation” and the Iligan City/Lanao Del Norte of Southern California with their authentic and exotic attire from top to bottom malong costume.

The parade’s added attraction which started promptly at 8:30 a.m. were the mounted Los Angeles County sheriffs and the buzzing flyover of a helicopter.

Non-stop free entertainment followed till 6 p.m. that culminated in a joyful disco dancing on the wooden dance floor fronting the stage.

Pictures from Philippine - American Friendship Day Celebration





GOINGS ON by Sis. Fely Logarta-Montecillo

To all our Leo and Virgo Brothers and Sisters out there, HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Here's more to life, love, and adventure along the way. May you all have more blessings in the year to come!

Those born from July 23 to August 22 are under the zodiac sign LEO while those born from August 23 to September 22 are all under the sign of Virgo.

The Leos are confident, comfortable being the center of attraction, drama adoring, ambitious, generous, loving luxury, big-hearted and sunny.

On the other hand, the Virgos are often natural, kind, and sympathetic. They are methodical and quick thinkers. They possess so much mental energy that stresses them and makes them tense.

The month of August is known for many things including the dog days of summer, National Watermelon Day, and National Smile Week (August 5 - 11). This month is also the National Immunization month, Back to School month and National Traffic Awareness month. So, let's sit back and enjoy the blessings of August, Ok?

Our warm congratulations to Hannah Angelica Marte for having been chosen among the top 15 candidates among 36 contestants in the recently held Miss International beauty contest this year at the Beverly Hills Hotel. Hannah, of course, is the daughter of Brod Rocky and Priscilla Marte.

The competition started off with the participants performing a dance number. There were three phases of the competition: First phase had the contestants wearing evening gowns while in the second phase the ladies wore their national costumes and the third had the entrants wearing swimsuits.

We are all proud of another feat by an APO kid and that's you Hannah! Congratulations!

Once more, we found ourselves united in prayer in celebrating the life of our beloved and recently deceased Brother Rudy Flores. The attendance during the rites proved how he was loved and appreciated.

For the Alphans, it was a mini- reunion with the arrival of senior Brod Tagumpay "Vic" Navarro, Batch '58, from Florida to join us. It was time for nostalgia recalling the happy times we had specially the last time we had our reunion years ago in Las Vegas when Brod Tagumpay and wife Beth sheltered all of us in their time share accommodations. It was one whole floor; if my memory serves me right! Late Brod Rudy was there and so were many other Alphans from all over. Imagine all of us on one floor! We were all together one happy and noisy bunch! Ah! Those were the days!

TREASURER'S REPORT *By Sis. Emma Rubina-Galang*

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Almazan, Alex** | 46. Ford, Bichic | 91. Querubin, Ruben |
| 2. Almazan, Irma** | 47. Franco, Rolly | 92. Rayala, Joar |
| 3. Alvarado, Larry | 48. Galang, Emma | 93. Remorozo, Gerald |
| 4. Amon, Ophel | 49. Gapido, Bodgie | 94. Reyes, Roehl |
| 5. Amon, Tony | 50. Gopez, Bernard | 95. Rivera, Art |
| 6. Angeles, Oscar | 51. Guerrero, Jing | 96. Romero, Ed |
| 7. Ang-Gayon Melody | 52. Imperial, Gloria | 97. Rondilla, Dony |
| 8. Ansula, Bong | 53. Jaramilla, Ogie | 98. Rosal, Jet |
| 9. Antonio, Bobby | 54. Junio, Virgil | 99. Sager, Limuel |
| 10. Aralar, Eric | 55. Jusay, Nelson | 100. Sagun, Edwin* |
| 11. Arevalo, Lester | 56. Languisan, Paul | 101. Salvador, Buddy |
| 12. Arroyo, Geoffrey | 57. Lara, Bobet | 102. Santos, Martina |
| 13. Asuncion, Ann | 58. Lautchang, Wilson | 103. Serrano Eric |
| 14. Atangan, Chito | 59. Layno, Mary Ann | 104. Sevilla, Bobby |
| 15. Atienza, Oscar | 60. Linsangan, Jun | 105. Sipin, Perry |
| 16. Atienza, Rennel | 61. Lumague, Framel | 106. Soledad, Apple |
| 17. Ayo, Toti | 62. Lumague, Ginalyn | 107. Solis, Tess* |
| 18. Baltazar, Jay | 63. Magsino, Jimmy | 108. Somera, Herman |
| 19. Bayani, JR | 64. Maidin, Yusup | 109. Sugay, Jay |
| 20. Bonete, Malene | 65. Mamaril, Ferdie | 110. Sy, Sancho |
| 21. Brillo, Oscar | 66. Mansilla, Beeboy | 111. Tarculars, Josie |
| 22. Cajucom, Willy | 67. Marte, Rocky | 112. Tarculars, Lito |
| 23. Calvario, Rene | 68. Martinez, Reggie | 113. Tecson, Ed |
| 24. Carbon, Joel | 69. Maskarino, Ronelle* | 114. Tecson, Raul |
| 25. Carrasco, Danny | 70. Medina, Mishael | 115. Toderera, Jay-R |
| 26. Castillo, Nards | 71. Mejia, Francis | 116. Umandal, Ruel |
| 27. Cervana, Paul* | 72. Mendez, Daemma | 117. Valdecantos, Henry |
| 28. Chin, Jhun | 73. Mendoza, Armand | 118. Valentino, Hero |
| 29. Clarete, Sam | 74. Mercado, Bebot* | 119. Valera, Liza |
| 30. Cobarrubias, Bob | 75. Miranda, Shane | 120. Ventura, Beth |
| 31. Conferido, Ruben | 76. Montecillo, Fely | 121. Villaver, Eleonor |
| 32. Cordova, Jaime | 77. Nino Dan | 122. Villaver, Melvin |
| 33. Corpuz, Alex | 78. Ninofranco, Edgar | 123. Williams, Rachella |
| 34. Cristobal, Lope | 79. Pablo, Joel | 124. Yambot, Ferdie |
| 35. David, Betta | 80. Pagdanganan, Liz | 125. Yenke, Rene |
| 36. David, Chris | 81. Paggao, Jerome | |
| 37. Delmolin, Froilan | 82. Pangilinan, Angel | |
| 38. Dime, Emmanuel | 83. Paras, Roland | |
| 39. Evangelista, Domel | 84. Paredes, Vic | |
| 40. Evangelista, Jen | 85. Pascual, Winston | |
| 41. Fajardo, Marilou | 86. Pastores, Alex | |
| 42. Fernando, Rubilyn | 87. Peneza, Bobet | |
| 43. Ferrer, Jojo | 88. Perez, Aldren | |
| 44. Fisico, Teddy | 89. Picazo, Bobitte | |
| 45. Flores, Rudy | 90. Posadas, Rey | |

As of August 17, 2023

* *New members*

** *Paid extra year/s*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST CELEBRANTS



MEMBERS:

- 01 - Bobbitte Picazo, Bernard Gopez
- 03 - Gerry Martinez
- 06 - Josie Tarculars, Mervyn Gucilatar Jun Linsangan, Gus Sunga
- 07 - Tony Gomez, Ramon David (+)
- 10 - Larry Alvarado
- 11 - Marilou Tayson
- 12 - Jobee Jovellanos, Reggie Martinez
- 13 - Davy Potot
- 15 - Elizar Cabarles
- 17 - Ruben Querubin, Joar Rayala, Carl Edwin Milano
- 19 - Eric Serrano, Luis Robles
- 21 - Noel Rivera
- 22 - Jesus Reyes
- 23 - Cathy Cari-Samoy, Jaime Protacio
- 24 - Au Lainez, Antonio Luciano (+) Rosemary Schwartz
- 25 - Rene Maddela
- 30 - Jun Beltran(+)
- 31 - Oscar Morillos, Ronan Umali

SPOUSES:

- 01 - Madonna Cabacungan
- 02 - Lucy Magsino
- 03 - Jelyn Bundalian
- 10 - Raychelle Argonza
- 15 - Shawn Cobarrubias
- 23 - Aileen Martinez
- 24 - Florence Chua
- 25 - Lorna Serrano
- 30 - Liza Flores

APOKIDS:

- 01 - Alexis Julie Salas, Elaine Villaver
- 03 - Aris Oris
- 04 - Michael Rondilla, Jonathan Rayala, Rex Petrasanta
- 05 - Spencer Ninofranco
- 06 - Isabella Factoran
- 08 - Kaylee Argonza, Melissa Villaver
- 09 - Jophiel Oliver, Joseph Valera
- 10 - Maricel Blancada
- 11 - Ami Barcelona, Euen Ambrosio
- 13 - Betram Amon
- 14 - Kyle Argonza, Mikhael Madrigal, Gabriel Peneza
- 15 - Glenn Clarete, Alvin Cabacungan
- 16 - Angelica Amon, Jason Valentino
- 17 - Marc Likwong, Joshua Rayala
- 22 - John David
- 24 - Kristopher Aure
- 25 - Rachel Clare Aquino
- 26 - Robert Sevilla
- 28 - Apple Adao
- 29 - Leah Jean Caldoza
- 30 - Bo Jish Ludovico, Alyssa Gabriel
- 31 - Atom Fisico

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AUGUST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us on Saturday, August 19, 2023
4 PM - Dinner
5 PM - Call to Order

IN PERSON MEETING:
at Brod Jimmy and Vilma Bautista
13785 Louvre Street
Pacoima, CA 91331

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Bro. Rene Calvario (323) 828-8862
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PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

| MONTH | GMM | SERVICE ACTIVITY | FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY | Reach out program/visit | OTHER | ACNA | notes |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| JANUARY | 1/21 - Rosemead Masonic Lodge | | | (Dec: Virgil J) Tony Amon | | | |
| FEBRUARY | 2/18 - Moreno Valley Ogie Jaranilla | 2/11 or 2/25 Ladies' Night Beeboy Mansilla; Phil Com Service: Palawan, Roland | | Bro Espiridion "Boyot" Martinez | Biggest Losers: Ogie/Gerald | | |
| MARCH | 3/18 - West Hills Tony/Ophel Amon | 3/19 - LA Marathon - Egay N Domel/Jen Evangelista APOMunti- BBOX | Start: Balibayan boxes. | | Workshop: Financial Marilou | 3/24-26 APO MIDWEST | |
| APRIL | 4/15 - West Covina Bodgie Gapido | 4/15 - Hiking, Easter Egg Hunt, @ Galster Wilderness Park near Bodgie G's place | 4/1 Buscapade | | Workshop - First Time HomeBuyer - Geof A Fellowship @ Bodgie Gapido's place after GMM | | |
| MAY | 5/27 - Lake Perris Campsite | 5/27 - 5/29 - Memorial Day Camping Bernard G./Art R. Tacloban Service | | Comm. Service - Tacloban Pakain | | 5/19-22 Tacloban | |
| JUNE | 6/17 - North Hills -Emma | | | 6/25 Sunday - ReachOut - Gil /Yasmin Magno | | | BRF+ 6/18 |
| JULY | 7/15 - Lake Elsinore - Bro Yusup M | 7/15 Sat - FIL-AM Friendship Day-Dan N Blood Drive - Jen E | | | | | 7/22 - Bro Rudy Flores |
| AUGUST | 8/19 - Jimmy/Vilma B | 8/12-Sat Operation Gratitude - Jimmy B | 8/11-Friday - Golf Tournament Fundraising - Ruel U./ Eric S./Jojo F. | | | | |
| SEPTEMBER | 9/16 - Santa Clarita Buddy/Eves | 9/16 - (Beach Clean-up)* | | | Workshop: | 9/1-3 Seattle: GWAPO. Seattle | |
| OCTOBER | 10/21 - TBD | Election/Halloween - TBD | | | Workshop: | | |
| NOVEMBER | 11/23 - Santa Clarita | 11/23 - Thanksgiving Celebration Venue: Santa Clarita Clubhouse; Host TBD | | Reach out program/visit Brods/Sis/Family Members - | | | |
| DECEMBER | December Affair Venue & Date TBD | 12/31 - New Year's Eve Celebration | | | | | 12/16 DEC Affair |

* TBD Activities - Workshops (GMRC/Formal Dining Etiquette/computers/apps/music/Self Defense)

Workshops are scheduled before GMM