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Picture on left: Brods Joel Carbon and Mandy Javierto, Incoming APOGLA President and VP for 2024 respectively. Picture on right: Incoming officers and Board of Director of APO Greater Los Angeles FY 2024.

Joel Carbon - Elected APOGLA President for 2024

By Sis. Fely Logarta-Montecillo

Registered voters of APOGLA recently elected Brod Joel Carbon (Eta Batch '81) for its President for the year 2024. Brod Joel was a former member of the board having been appointed to take over the position of the late Brod Geoffrey Arroyo. Brod Joel has been with our organization since 1992. In 1994, he served as a board member and was chairman in many APOGLA events.

Others who were elected with him were the ff.: Armando Javierto, Vice-President, Marilou Fajardo and Ogie Jaranilla, Board Members.

The COMELEC which conducted the peaceful and orderly election was composed of the ff.: Brods Christian David, Domel Evangelista, and Sis Melody Ang-Gayon.

When asked about his view of his forthcoming presidency, Brod Joel expressed his belief in strength and diversity. He wants to focus on whole health and fitness for service and financial readiness. He wants to share the ff. to all the members and fellow officers Continued on page 3 FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

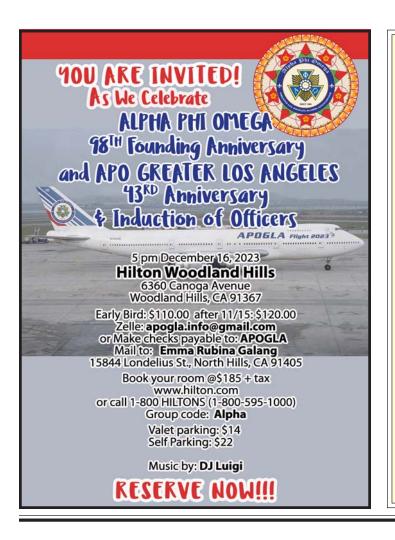
Good morning brothers, sisters and familial members!

As the weather gets cooler and we get closer to the holidays, I become more reflective and sometimes overcome with emotion. The feelings of gratitude and appreciation overwhelm me. At the same time, I am anxious, excited and hopeful about the upcoming huge celebrations for Thanksgiving and our December affair!

I am very proud of what our organization has accomplished particularly this year! It takes intentional efforts for us to succeed. For this I am extremely grateful! It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to our dearest alumni association--APO GLA! I appreciate all of you! I especially am grateful to our Executive team; the wisdom of my Advisers; the collaborative partnership with the Board of Directors; the strong leadership and enthusiasm of our chairmen for the various activities this past year; and of course, the loyalty and sense of engagement from our valuable members.

Thanksgiving is always a time to bethe wisdom with our loved ones especially our families. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wife, Winnie for all her support and love especially this past year. May the spirit of Thanksgiving fill our hearts and homes with joy!

In LFS, Bro. Rene Calvario APOGLA, President 2023 "Be Courageous, Reach Out! Everyone Matters"



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Fundamental Truth

Kapatiran.

My journey through life, with 42 years shared as an APO, validated a fundamental truth about Kapatiran. The first time you hear that APO toast song bonds you forever to something greater than yourself.

My family and I have been affiliated with APOGLA for 31 years now. APOGLA is and will always be family. As with any other family, we have our share of ups and downs, of comedy and drama. Kapatiran weave in and out of our lives throughout the journey, but the long blue and gold line, which has frayed in some parts, remains unbroken.

Our actions define and reflect the family we represent. We hold ourselves to a higher standard of integrity and ethics. We have our spirited and passionate arguments that may cause other relationships to falter. But that is what sets us apart as APOGLA. We embrace chaos and build order from it.

As we enter our home, we remove our armor and the rest of our baggage at the door. Why? Because our home is a safe and sacred space. In APOGLA, our physical space is dynamic, but always sacred as it is where the bonds of Kapatiran will continue to be forged. In our space, there is Alpha Phi Omega at wala nang iba. So, how can we be of service?

- Bro. Joel Carbon APOGLA President 2024

Pictures from Annual Election





Pictures from APOGLA Feed the Homeless Service 9am-12n Saturday, October 28 held @LA Food Bank Warehouse



Pictures from APOGLA October GMM Saturday, October 21 hosted by Brod Buddy & Eva Salvador



Amazing APOkids By Bro. Dony Rondilla

Jasmine Montecillo

Congratulations to Jasmine Marie Ysobelle G. Montecillo for successfully earning her Bachelor of Arts in Multimedia Arts. Jasmine is the Granddaughter of our TNB Editor, Sis Fely Montecillo of Alpha Chapter.

Jasmine's academic journey has been nothing short of remarkable, and her achievements speak volumes about her dedication and commitment to excellence.

She is not only a scholar but also a shining star among her peers, proudly holding the following prestigious titles:

Magna Cum Laude

Silver Medalist (2nd highest General Weighted Average in a program of study) 4Q SMS Graduating Class President

Ms. SMS 2022

Lakambini ng Visayas 2023



Jasmine's unwavering support from her family, friends and classmates who shared the highs and lows of her Mapuan student experience played a role in shaping the person she is today. Let's give a big round of applause to Jasmine on this well-deserved success!



Kylee Ryan Rondilla

Congratulations to Kylee Ryan Rondilla for being crowned Miss Dance 2024 at the prestigious KAR Regional Competition in Redondo Beach on November 10 & 11. Kylee's tap dance solo not only secured her the crown but also claimed a first-place finish, surpassing competitors across various dance styles.

Beyond her remarkable achievements on the dance floor, Kylee shines as a star student at St. Anthony High School, holding a stellar 4.6 GPA and earning a spot on the Honor Roll. As the President's Ambassador for the school, she exemplifies leadership and dedication to her academic community. She is also an All Varsity Cheerleader—a testament to her versatility.

In addition to her academic pursuits, Kylee is a passionate advocate for philanthropy. She organized a chapter in her school for "His Little Feet," an organization aiding homeless children.

Her artistic endeavors extend to the screen, including credits in Attaway General (2020), The Romantic Movement (2017), and Hope, Give, Change (2019). She has graced commercials for Ford, Universal Studio, and Apple, as well as starred in YouTube channels for Tiny Mighty Club and DreamWorks TV. Kylee is the daughter of Mike and Melissa Rondilla and the granddaughter of Brod Dony & Elsa Rondilla.

Benny Sy Flores

Congratulations and best wishes to the proud parents, Kristin Mae and Joseph Flores, and to the delighted grandparents, Brod Sancho and May Sy on the arrival of Benny Sy Flores.

Benny, the third son of Kristin and Joseph, made his grand entrance into the world on October 29, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 21", bringing immense joy and happiness to the entire family.

Benny is surrounded by so much love and warmth, and we cannot wait to watch him grow and flourish in the embrace of his loving APO family.



May Benny's journey through life be filled with love, laughter, and endless blessings.

Welcome to the world, Benny Sy Flores!

FROM MY POINT OF VIEW

Fil-American History Month Was Proclaimed and Celebrated In Cities Across Southern California

By Bro. Dan E. Nino

Cerritos, Calif. The Filipino-American History Month in the United States was proclaimed by President Joe Biden in October. Taking a cue from this pronouncement, California Congresswoman Michelle Steel (R-California 45th District) and Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawaii 1st District) principally authored a bicameral resolution celebrating in October the history and culture of Filipino American and their immense contributions to the United States. This was followed by the City of Los Angeles, Cerritos and Carson and other cities in the United States where there are large concentration of Filipino-Americans.



Pictured are partial attendees during the historic proclamation of the Filipino American History Month held at the City of Cerritos Council Chamber on Oct. 26. First row, from left: Marissa Pulido, City Planning Commissioner Gloria Pulido, Filipino American Chamber Ambassador Mark Alipio, Kaitlin Venice Casica, Madeline Jean Miranda and Rafael Miguel Arriola (president, internal vice president and co-treasurer respectively of Cerritos High School Magkaisa Club; Second row, from left: Former Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido, Councilwoman Lynda Johnson, Vince Casica and Aimee Bondoc Casica. Top row from left: Demeven Quirino, Johnny Itliong, Councilman Frank Aurelio Yokoyama, Lee Natividad, Let Freedom Ring Committee member Dan E Niño, Mayor Bruce Barrows, Councilman Naresh Solanki and Councilman Chuong Vo. – Photo by Cerritos Press Office

On October 26, the City Council of Cerritos presented a proclamation to the Filipino community with the participation of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Cerritos and *Magkaisa* Club of Cerritos High School — at the Cerritos City Council Chamber led by its Mayor Bruce Barrows, Chuong Vo, Naresh Solanki and Fil-Am council members Lynda Johnson and Frank Aurelio Yokoyama.

Mayor Barrows in his opening statement said, "On Sept. 29, 2023, Congresswoman Michelle Steel submitted House Resolution 744, which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability. This recognizes the month of October 2023 as Filipino American History Month and celebrates the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to the United States. The Filipino American community is the third-largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in the United States, with a population of approximately 4,500,000."

California is home to nearly 2 million Filipinos, approximately 30,000 of which live in California's 45th District according to U.S. Census Data.

He added, "According to the 2021 American Community Survey, the Filipino Community is the largest of the Asian population in the City of Cerritos." With about 50,000 residents in the City, Filipino-American residents account for 7,383.

Reading a portion of the House Resolution 744, Mayor Barrows told the gallery of mostly Filipino-Americans clad in their *Filipiniana*

costume, "From the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, Filipinos and Filipino Americans have a longstanding history of serving in the Armed Forces of the United States."



It will be noted that more than 250,000 Filipinos fought as USAFFE forces and guerrillas under the United States flag during the World War 11 to protect and defend the U.S. interests in the Pacific Theater. "Filipino Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force that may be bestowed on an individual serving in the Armed Forces, and continue to demonstrate a commendable sense of patriotism and honor in the Armed Forces."

According to the resolution, "Filipino Americans play an integral role in the healthcare system of the United States as nurses, doctors, first responders, and other medical professionals, and approximately 1 in 4 working Filipino adults in the United States is a frontline healthcare worker.

"In 2009, Congress first recognized October as Filipino American History Month for their many contributions including music, dance, literature, education, business, hospitality, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, the fine arts, and other fields that enrich the United States. For the many contributions of Filipino and Filipino Americans, it is fitting that we join with our nation and celebrate the month of October as Filipino American History Month and honor our Filipino community members."

Accepting the proclamation were Ms. Ellen Rodriguez-Swing, President of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Cerritos and its vice chair, Mr. Lee Natividad and Miss Kaitlin Casica, President of Cerritos High School Club *Magkaisa*.

After the passage of the House Resolution during the 118th Congress 1st Session, Rep. Michelle Steel said, "The Filipino Americans in Southern California have contributed so much to our communities. I am proud to introduce this resolution to honor the rich history, culture, and heritage of the Filipinos across this country, to commemorate their successes, and celebrate their commitment to the American Dream."

"On behalf of the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations (NaFFAA) Greater Los Angeles Region and our constituent-members, we welcome the American community as a whole to help us celebrate Filipino-American History Month during October each year," said Noel S. V. Omega, President of NaFFAA Greater Los Angeles Region. "This celebration reminds us to work together to break cultural barriers and create a climate of inclusivity, harmony and compassion towards all. We invite everyone to learn about the history and contributions of Filipinos in America. Together, we can build bridges across communities to secure a stronger future as we learn from each other."

The earliest documented Filipino presence in the continental United States was October 18, 1587, when the first "*Luzones Indios*" arrived in Morro Bay, California, on board the Nuestra Señora de Esperanza, a Manila-built galleon ship.

The Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes 1763 as the year in which the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States was established in St. Malo, Louisiana.

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GOINGS ON by Sis. Fely Logarta-Montecillo

To all our Scorpion and Sagittarian Brothers and Sisters, HAPPY BIRTHDAY! On your special day, we pray that the good Lord showers you with all the good things in life! And may all your dreams come true!

Those born from October 23 to November 21 fall under the Zodiac sign Scorpio while those born from November 22 to December 31 fall under the zodiac sign of Sagittarius. The Scorpions are known for their intensity and charisma. They're strong, enigmatic, and independent with much power. They guard their private lives and are known for their loyalty and devotion. Those under the sign of Sagittarius, on the other hand, are optimistic, adventurous, funny, and philosophical. They value independence and freedom to do what they want. Sagittarians are adventurers, risk takers, and have a sharp business and sports mentality. They are well known for their emotional intelligence.

So to our birthday celebrants this month, do these sound familiar to you?

This month we celebrate Veterans' Day (November 11), and Thanksgiving Day (November 23). We salute all Veterans for their service every day of the year. But it is good that we dedicate a special day to them. To all our Brods who are Veterans we surely are grateful for your service. A million thanks to you!

Thanksgiving Day, November 23, is fast approaching and we will observe it on our own in the 18th. If we stop and pause, we really have a lot to thank for!

Congratulations to our new Prez Brod Joel Carbon and to the other newly elected APOGLA officers: Vice-President, Brod Mandy Javierto; Auditor - Liza Valera; Board Members: Marilou Fajardo and Ogie Jaranilla. With your leadership we expect a busier 2024. Good luck to you guys!

On the other hand, kudos to our outgoing President Brod Rene Calvario, and the rest of the 2023 officers for a very successful stint this year. Brod Rene's outreach program for members no longer attending for health and other reasons, is heartwarming and unique! May we have more creative programs like this, right?

Compliments too for a job well done to the Comelec for the orderly election we had. With Brods Christian David, Domel Evangelista and Sis Melody Ang-Gayon running it, what could go wrong?

We're happy to welcome back to our fold Brod Lito Tarculas from his short hospitalization. May you gain your strength and be healthier in the days to come Brod!

Our heartfelt condolence to Brod Valerie "Babe" Tria and his family on the passing of his wife, Maria Consuelo Tria. You have our deepest sympathy and unwavering support. Wishing you peace, comfort, courage, and lots of love at this time of sorrow.

Brod Babe Tria is one of the early members of the Alpha Chapter. The last time I talked to him and his late wife, I invited them to join us in our meeting if and when they visit the United States. His wife, the deceased Maria Consuelo, was my favorite English teacher and inspired me to major in English in College.

TREASURER'S REPORT By Sis. Emma Rubina-Galang

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45. Evangelista, Jen

46. Fajardo, Marilou

49. Ferrer, Jojo

47. Fajota, Honeyboy

48. Fernando, Rubilyn

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99. Peneza, Bobet

100. Perez, Aldren

101. Petrasanta, Rene

102. Petreaca, Petchie

105. Querubin, Ruben

107. Remorozo, Gerald

103. Picazo, Bobitte

104. Posadas, Rey

106. Rayala, Joar

108. Reyes, Roehl

109. Rivera, Art

110. Romero, Ed

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER CELEBRANTS 01 - Cesar Noche

- - Ed Tecson
 - Noel Capulong+
- 02 Vic Paredes, Irma Almazan
 - Bayani Valentino
- 03 Bob Bacalia
- 06 Yusup Maidin
- 07 Rene Jayoma
- 09 Joel Pablo, Ogie Jaranilla
- 10 Nelson Pante, Ann Asuncion
- 11 Junn Aquino
- 12 Bobby Antonio
- 13 Emma Galang, Silver Turallo
- 14 EJ Panganiban, Hope Arante
- 19 Liz Pagdanganan
- 21 Rodolfo Dimatulac
- 24 Manny Tibangin
 - Joio Sarao
- 28 Beeboy Mansilla
- 30 Mark Guerrero

SPOUSES:

- 01 Jeanette Pascual
- 03 Beth Alon.
 - Vilma Clor
- 09 Ellen Bacalia
- 13 Lou Carbon
- 16 Lorrie Pagado
- 19 Yasmin Magno
- 24 Loida Atienza
- 25 Sherryl Baxal
- 27 Myla Grace Pepino
- - Rhoda Ambrosio
 - Fe Arnaldo
- 28 Eva Salvador

APO KIDS:

- 01 Liza Alon, Aaron Alcantar
- 03 Alexis Salum
- 04 Jovelle Jove
- 05 Leslie Noche, Mark Ventura
- 10 Janice Rosales
- 11 Monica Therese Aquino
 - Jehmiel Vinluan
- 12 Alexander Exconde
- 13 Paula Emperado, Bro. Glenn Rivera
 - Jomel Garchitorena
- 16 Immaculate Villanueva
- 17 Patrick Ayo, Luke Jonart Caldoza
- 21 Reece Antoine Aralar, Renee Antoine Aralar, PJ Emperado, Eejay Ramos
- 25 Madison Erin Aralar
 - Coby Ramos, Paul Michael Milano
- 26 Jude Carbon, Francis Talabis
- 29 Paolo Adriano, Jiebon Ingco
 - Jove Yambot
- 30 Jason Maddela

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NOVEMBER THANKSGIVING DINNER

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023 5 PM Valencia Northbridge Clubhouse 23804 Grandview Drive Valencia, CA

Attire: Sports Theme

Workshops are scheduled before GMM

For other details contact:

Bro. Rene Calvario (323) 828-8862 Sis. Ophel Amon (818) 970-4614



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PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES							
MONTH	gмм	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 "Boyet" 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: Balikbayan 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			6/18 RF P
JULY	7/15 - Lake Elsinore - Bro Yusup M	7/15 Sat - FIL-AM Friendship Day-Dan N Blood Drive - Jen E					7/22 - RF F
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.		Workshop: Formal Attire - Art R		8/14 GA P
SEPTEMBER	9/16 - River's End Park, Seal Beach, CA	9/16 - Beach Clean-up - Seal Beach - Domel/Jen				9/1-3 Seattle: GWAPO. Seattle	
OCTOBER	10/21 - TBD				Workshop: "Formal Dining Etiquettes" - Bro Art Rivera		10/28 Election, Halloween
NOVEMBER	11/23 - Santa Clarita	11/23 - Thanksgiving Celebration Venue: Santa Clarita Clubhouse; Host TBD		Reach out program/visit Brods/Sis/Family Members - Thanksgiving Baskets			
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)							