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NEWSLETTER

*"Strength
In
Diversity"*

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APOGLA's incoming Executive Officers and Board of Directors for 2024 taking an oath of office during the association's 43rd Anniversary and APhiO 98th founding anniversary celebration last December 16, 2023 at Hilton Woodland Hills-Los Angeles, CA.

APOGLA Anniversary Celebration and Induction of Executive Officers and Board of Directors

By Sis. Jen Evangelista

APOGLA's 43rd Anniversary and Induction Ball was, again, a night to remember, thanks to our Vice President Sis Ophel Amon and her team. Alpha Phi Omega's 98th International Anniversary celebration on December 16 made it even more special.

The night started out with our Lupang Hinirang and Star Spangled Banner led by Brother Francis Mejia and Sister Melody Ang-Gayon, respectively. Invocation was led by outgoing First Lady Winnie Calvario.

The following brothers and sisters were recognized for their 50 years of leadership, friendship, and service as an APO: Sisters Betta David and Cory Alcantara, Brothers Christian David, Jimmy Magsino, Bobby Antonio, Bong Ansula, Nan Clavecilla, Oscar Angeles. These brothers and sisters received a special commemorative jacket which was personalized with their names and APO ID numbers.

Brother Donny Rondilla (Delta Chapter, Past ACNA President, Past Librado Ureta Awardee) was this year's inducting officer and reminded incoming officers for FY 2024 of their oath to carry out their responsibilities and abide by our CBL.

Yours truly was honored to receive this year's Librado Ureta Award, even more so, since it was presented by last year's LIU awardee, Bro Beeboy Mansilla. Words cannot express how grateful I am for my APOGLA family and the presence of my boys (my better half Bro Domel included) that evening made it even more special.

Outgoing president Brother Rene Calvario expressed his heartfelt gratitude to everyone for all the support he received as APOGLA's president for the year 2023. He then proceeded to present the gavel to incoming APOGLA President Joel Carbon. Bro Rene Calvario was presented with a plaque of appreciation as the outgoing president. A Missing Man's Table was set up in the corner of the ballroom with 54 names of our brothers and sisters who had gone before us. Bro Joel Carbon requested a moment of silence to honor these members who are with us in spirit and whose shoulders we stand upon; their success has allowed us to get to where we are today.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Embracing Strength in Diversity

Diversity, often regarded as the unique tapestry of differences in Alpha Phi Omega, is a source of strength that propels us forward. APO is international, and It goes beyond mere acknowledgment of differences in race, gender, ethnicity, and cultural backgrounds; it encompasses a celebration of the rich tapestry that emerges when unique perspectives, experiences, and talents come together. In this message, we explore the profound concept of strength in diversity and its transformative power

in various aspects of life.

A Catalyst for Success

Diversity is increasingly recognized as a key driver of success. Organizations that embrace diversity experience enhanced creativity, improved problem-solving capabilities, and increased productivity. A diverse team reflects a broad spectrum of skills, knowledge, and experiences, leading to a dynamic environment better equipped to navigate the complexities of inter-organizational relationships.

Social Harmony: Unity in Differences

The strength of diversity lies in its ability to foster social harmony. By appreciating and understanding the uniqueness of Kapatiran we can create a more inclusive and tolerant environment. When diverse perspectives are valued and respected, it helps build bridges, dissolve stereotypes, and promote unity.

Personal Growth: Embracing Diversity Within Ourselves

On an individual level, embracing diversity involves recognizing and valuing the uniqueness within ourselves. We are a mosaic of experiences, skills, and qualities that contribute to the richness of the APO experience. Embracing one's own diversity and cultivating self-awareness can lead to personal growth, resilience, and a greater capacity for empathy.

APOGLA is increasingly interconnected. Our strength in diversity emerges as a guiding principle for progress, understanding, and unity. By celebrating and harnessing the power of diverse perspectives, we pave the way for innovation, success, social harmony, and personal growth. Embracing diversity is not just a commendable goal; it is an essential aspect of building a resilient and thriving APO global community.

In LFS,

BRO. JOEL CARBON

APOGLA, President 2024

“Strength in Diversity”

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Welcome 2024! Welcome to our New Set of Officers!

Brother Toti Ayo



Greetings, my dear brothers, sisters, and family!

As we welcome the New Year 2024, we welcome as well our New Set of Officers for the Year! We are thankful and grateful for having been blessed with an abundance of leaders, willing and able to serve, to navigate us through the year.

Having been with the Association since its inception, allow me to share on the subject on how we made it this far as an organization. Certainly, not very many organization, especially within our community and culture, stand the test of time. Was there any secret formula that kept us going this far?

For one thing sure, all through the years, we were able to build on activities and events that have eventually become rich in family building traditions.

I mention this because, from the time of our inception during “The Renaissance” period in our Association’s history, we made it a point, as we realized, that our organization will only grow, if it stands on a strong foundation. That is, an organization that is built on The Family as its basic unit. It was, as it is our belief that a strong inter-personal relationships among us is what makes our Association the APOGLA that we are today. More importantly, our spouses and our children becoming better friends along the way. It is that important!

Undeniably true, we are blessed with good leaders. Our leaders, dedicated and effective as they are, don’t expect much from its members but positive enthusiasm that we’ve witnessed through all these years.

A timely payment of our annual dues for those who can afford, speaks a lot of our trust and commitment to our organization. In return, we just expect prudence and transparency in the conduct of our business affairs from them. As has always been said: we’re all in this together.

As always and as ever before, we urge our familial members to participate in our every undertaking. To our new/er members, we urge you and your family to be comfortable with and among us. Lead a project, chair an event, or enjoy our functions. May your presence be an added value to us all. Our older members will attest, it’s all worth it, after all.

May this , our APOGLA family be a safe haven for peace and comfort as we live life in a world as stressful and as complicated as we know it. Somehow, with all the times we “lived and worked” together in many of our tasks, events and functions, we have learned tolerance, patience, understanding, and respect the values we all have. Let’s pass it on. To many among us, we have found a place we can call home. Another avenue where we find friends that lasts for a long period of time. . .

We can choose to enjoy our nuclear family, stay distant, or detach ourselves from social gatherings. At some point, however, in the winter years of our lives, we will find it helpful to have found our family a home away from home.

Initially though for this issue, I thought I was going to write about the ‘graying’ of an organization - because we are! Somehow I got distracted. But allow me to add as I remember what St Pope John Paul II said about aging and old age:

“Old age is the crown of the steps of life. It gathers in the harvest, the harvest from what you have learned and experienced, the harvest from what you have suffered and undergone. As in the finale of a great symphony, all the great themes of life combine to a mighty harmony.” TA, Jan2024

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As part of Brother Joel Carbon's inaugural address, he outlined his goal and focus for 2024 – Growth, Engagement, Monetization, Sustainability (GEMS). He reminded everyone that in a room full of leaders, there is always room for us to do better. Bro Joel acknowledged the presence of his family, incoming First lady Lou, children Jude, Therese and her husband and fellow APO Brother Paolo.

Thank you to Brother Nan Clavecilla and the PPndales (a troupe of our APOGLA Past Presidents) who provided fun and engaging live performance of “Ako’y APO” and “Po-Aps si Ko-Aks” complete with fun choreography and matching attire. This was the perfect transition from our formal ceremony to a night filled with music and dancing.

Bro Art and Gie Rivera once again provided excitement with raffle ticket prizes throughout the night. Sis Dae and Brother Rennel succeeded in keeping the audience engaged with their hosting prowess.

I hope all present were able to have their photos taken in front of our backdrop, complete with red carpet and an airplane, representing Bro Rene Calvario's Flight 2023.



Pictures from APOGLA Anniversary Celebration and Induction of Executive Officers and Board of Directors



Sorority Sisters Go Broadway Show Outing

The ladies were at it . . . again! Culturally minded now, the Sisters hied off this time to watch a Broadway play, “Mama Mia” at the Pantages theater. A brain child of Sis Melody Ang Gayon, it was immediately accepted by the “lakwatseras” as they call themselves.

Bro Joel and Lou Carbon also joined and led the group. They started the evening with a dinner at a dazzling place for food and drinks which is Morrisons’s Atwater Village, a Scottish pub at Los Feliz.

After the show, they so desired to be with each other’s company some more that they went around looking for some hot soup! They ended their Broadway Show Outing almost morning but content and happy with another great bonding activity.



***Pictures from APOGLA NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH
hosted by Bro. Rene & Winnie Calvario in Pasadena, CA***



FROM MY POINT OF VIEW

Eulogy for Brod Baby Rivera: His Passionate Love For Roosters Is Undeniable

By Bro. Dan E. Nino

The following narrative is my eulogy for Brod Antonio Nocon “Baby” Rivera that was delivered by Manila-based Brod Pete Cunag in San Mateo, Rizal on Jan. 13, 2024 during the necrological service. Brod Baby as he is affectionately called, passed away on Jan. 2, 2024 at age 71. He was APOGLA president in 2004. After his retirement and heart bypass, he decided to retire in the Philippines. Here’s my tribute:



Perhaps, I had the longest or series of associations with Brod Antonio Nocon “Baby” Rivera that started in college — during his neophyte days in our Gamma Kappa chapter that culminated in Los Angeles.

But during our long association though, I never dared to ask where his nickname, “Baby” was derived from. For some reason, his nickname “Baby” stuck. It flourished till now.

My association with Brod Baby started during his baptismal and presentation at “Eagles Nest”, our favorite watering hole or hangout along Katipunan Ave. fronting the Ateneo campus. Brod Tonette Tuazon and myself were then the most senior pillars during our chapter’s inception. During this traditional initial rite in our fraternity, we were joined by Eta-UP-Diliman brods nearby which became our Mother Chapter.



When Brod Baby was an active brod in our newly-established chapter during his college days, he became the first Grand Chancellor. We conducted most of our final initiation or ritual rites at their family’s poultry farm or at their ancestral home in San Mateo, Rizal or at the mansion of Brod Tonette Tuazon on Heroes Hill in Quezon City.

When Brod Baby immigrated to California in the 1990s, he first contacted me. He wanted to meet our APO brethren from Metro Los Angeles. In one of our first general membership meetings, I picked him up. When he had already established his footing and professional livelihood, he ran and handily won as vice president of Alpha Phi Omega Greater Los Angeles in 2003. Thereafter, he became our president in 2004. As president, he appointed me as his secretary. *Nauna pa siyang naging presidente sa akin.* Eventually, I became president in 2015.

I had a few disagreements with Brod Baby as we are both strong leaders in our own rights. But we soldiered on or moved on. As fraternal brothers, we were “firm

in loyalty” as indicated in our APO Toast Song.

Brod Baby came to my house several times and joined me for dinner and I also visited him at his home nearby. Brod Omie also visited me when he came to Los Angeles. I also attended the San Mateo Association of Southern California dinner-dance. I think Brod Baby became also a president of this town organization.

It was obvious that Brod Baby and his blood brother, also an APO Gamma Kappa alum Brod Omie, now Mayor of San Mateo literally exemplify our three APO cardinal principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

Brod Baby was so passionate being in fellowship with our APO brethren in Los Angeles in that he imbibed the spirit of Remy Martin cognac to the hilt. Somebody always was assigned as a designated driver after every fellowship. I’m one of them. *Susmaryosep!*

We were also classmates at an Adult School in my City of Cerritos – for our continuing education in computer classes.

After his heart bypass, Brod Baby retired and returned to the Philippines. I speculate that he misses his other passionate love – his cocks. He is a dyed-in-the-wool cocker or *sabungero*. He just loves this simple pleasures in that before he passed away, he texted some of our brods in Los Angeles whenever his cocks won in the derby but not when he lost. I wonder why? Very surprising!

The last time, I met Brod Baby was during our Gamma Kappa’s 50th Anniversary Foundation at Oasis Hotel in Angeles City. He inquired, “*Kailan ka dumating?*” Right there and then, I noticed that his voice was different. It was weak, faltering, inaudible to say the least. It lacked power. I felt, something was amiss or something was wrong. It was different compared to the good old days. I wanted to know more about his health condition or his activities in Metro Manila but he didn’t stay overnight at the hotel — for more fellowship. We had two nights of fellowships but he only attended the final night. It was unusual for him not to linger for a longer time — knowing him.

Then after six months, he passed on. Brod Baby, farewell. Till we meet again – “in after life.” Give my warm regards to our brods and sisses who have gone ahead of us. I hope, you will meet, our first pope, St. Peter. You have similar encounters with roosters, anyway. Please, have a good time with St. Peter. I yield back. Thank you for the privilege of your time, Bro. Dan.



GOINGS ON by Sis. Fely Logarta-Montecillo

HAPPY 2024 everyone! We all look forward to a better year in all aspects - in health, relationships, finances, in everything!

And what do soothsayers say about 2024? Well, they may not be Merlins, But these are intelligent “predictions” based on facts and reality. We thought of sharing them with you in the interest that you might have some use for them in making your “wise” decisions. These were compiled by

CNN for the public:

- In the field of medicine, cancer immunotherapy: the best is yet to come.
- Facebook turns 20
- New capital city in Indonesia
- A new outlook on Catholic Truth
- New idea games
- Malaria Breakthrough
- More useful artificial intelligence
- Pandemic progress - We could see a new vaccine that combines flu and Covid protection in one job.
- This year brings a better job market.

This month is the month of the Capricorns (December 22 to January 19) and the Aquarians (January 20 to February 18).

The Capricorns are symbolized by the sea goat. Capricorns are dynamic individuals who express a unique balance of confidence and humility. They have a grounded, practical spirit. They also love to party. Capricorns are skilled at navigating the material and emotional realms.

The Aquarius are highly intellectual and creative. They don't want to be instructed on what to do. They are ideas people and are known to be progressive thinkers.

So, to our Capricorn and Aquarius friends, here's wishing you joy and happiness now and throughout the year!

Congratulations to all the incoming officers of our beloved organization led by our new Prez Brod Joel Carbon. There's no doubt this will be another banner year for all of us. Hep, hep, hurray!

The idea of the Sorority Sisters going out together at least once a month is making the bond of Sisterhood stronger. It's also one way of making the “newer” members become more acquainted with the “older” members (obviously not referring to age). Give it to the ladies for coming up with unique ideas for bonding! So keep it up Sisters!

Allow me to greet one wonderful woman an advanced Happy Birthday! Her loyalty and dedication to the club is beyond words. An exemplary wife, mother, grandma . . . we salute you May Sy! Happy Birthday and may all your wishes come true!

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

1. Almazan, Alex
2. Almazan, Irma
3. Ayo, Toti
4. Calvario, Rene
5. Fajardo, Marilou
6. Layno, MaryAnn
7. Mendoza, Armand
8. Paredes, Vic
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OBITUARY

*Our condolences, our thoughts and
 our prayers to the following families
 for the passing of their loved ones:*

*To Sis. Liz Pagdanganan and family for the passing of
Bro. Oscar Brillo, Beta Upsilon (April 25, 1951 -
 December 14, 2023)*

*To Bro. Omie Rivera and family in San Mateo, Rizal for
 the passing of **Bro. Antonio "Baby" Rivera, Gamma
 Kappa** (5/12/52 - 1/2/2024)*

*To Bro. Bobet Lara and family for the passing of their
 brother **Dr. Joselito Lara**.*

*To Bro. Jimmy Magsino and family for the passing of
 their brother in Chicago.*

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY CELEBRANTS



MEMBER:

- 02 - Domel Evangelista
 Glenda Tavera
- 07 - Mike Chua
- 08 - Jun Madrigal
- 13 - Oscar Angeles,
 - Ernie Garrovillas[†]
- 14 - Wilson Lautchang
- 20 - Bobet Lara
- 24 - Gil Magno
- 25 - Lino Chatto,
 - Albert Peralta,
 - Sammy Clarete
- 27 - Paulo Carbon, Alpha Kappa '23 (USC)
- 28 - Vinz Argonza
- 30 - Rico Lainez[†]

SPOUSE:

- 13 - Ella Gomez
- 20 - Minda Chin
- 24 - Myrna Nino
- 26 - May Sy,
 - Alma Delmolin

APO KIDS:

- 01 - Michael Arevalo
 - Matt Emperado
- 04 - Celeste Medina
- 05 - Don Adriano
- 07 - Lindsey Mejia
- 09 - Alexa Reyes
 - Aileen Talabis
- 10 - Andrew Evangelista
- 12 - Grant Gomez
- 22 - Chinggoy Serrano
- 24 - Clarissa Tecson
- 27 - Maria Rica Serrano

JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024
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