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APOGLA Family enjoyed a weekend spring break held recently at the Lorimar Vineyards Winery at Temecula, CA

APOGLA Family Spring Break Getaway

By Sis. Fely Logarta-Montecillo

MORE! MORE! MORE! Seems to be the unified clamor of the revelers during the APOGLA Family Spring Break Getaway held recently at the Lorimar Vineyards Winery at Temecula, CA.

The event kicked off with wine tasting at 3:00 in the afternoon on May 4. Was it red wine or white wine? Was it a field blend? Was it a vintage or non- vintage?

Whatever the answers to these questions are, one thing was sure: everyone had a grand time tasting the wine!

A sumptuous dinner was served to the partygoers while a band provided danceable music. The attendees could not resist the rhythm of the band music played that before long, everyone was already on the dance floor. So it was, everyone was dancing enjoying, energized and inspired!

Among the couples who had the time of their lives that evening were: Tony & Ella Gomez, Melvin and Eleonor Villaver, Paul & Melissa Cervana, Roland and Gigi Paras, Ojie & Weng Jaranilla, Jun & Malou Fajardo, Mandy & Naty Javierto, Oca & Loida Atienza, Jim & Florence Cordova, Dae Mandre & Rennel, Bojie & Avic Mendez, Fred & Epleda Mendez.

Here under are some comments from a few of the attendees:

The Family Getaway was very successful! Approximately 26 brothers, Sisters, and family members attended. Everyone enjoyed the evening. It was suggested that APOGLA should do this again three times a year. Thank you Dae & Sis Melody for a job well done! - Eleonor Villaver

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Strategic Planning and Legacy Building: Securing Future Success

Strategic planning is the cornerstone of any organization's long-term success. It involves setting goals, identifying opportunities and threats, allocating resources effectively, and charting a course for the future. But strategic planning isn't just about short-term gains; it's also about building a legacy. **Where is APOGLA on this journey?**

Importance of Strategic Planning:

Strategic planning is essential for organizations of all sizes and types. It provides a roadmap for success, helping nonprofit organizations navigate challenges and capitalize on opportunities. **APOGLA is not the only fish in the pond** espousing the core principles of LFS. Within our own geographic boundaries exist several groups who carry the name Alpha Phi Omega. **It is a fact that these are offshoots of our evolution** as APO California to APO Southern California to what is now APOGLA. I personally **take pride in our organization's ability to replicate itself and export all of what we do well to expand capacity in service to humanity.** That is something that cannot be taken away from your membership in APOGLA. We continue to lead the way in blazing new trails, from the incorporation of 501c3 status (which continues to exist. A simple Google search on 501c3 organizations will confirm this) and a decision to divest APOGLA and move into 501c7 designation so we could operate on what we're already comfortable with. **In practice, we carry out almost similar projects year in and year out....and let's be honest about it - we're still doing manual labor while our ranks are growing exponentially in the retiree and near-retiree category.** I ask this of us then – **how do we really set ourselves apart from other APO groups? Hanggang dito na lang ba talaga tayo?**

Building a Legacy:

A legacy is the imprint an organization leaves on its industry, community, and the world at large. It's the culmination of years of strategic planning, innovation, and responsible leadership. Each administration leaves its mark on building APOGLA's legacy. Service projects that we do well have become accepted practice and carried over from one administration to another. I offer this challenge, though. **How is APOGLA dealing with sustainability?** At this point in our existence, **we should have already carved out a niche that transcends what we used to do as resident brothers and sisters.** We do not have a dearth of leadership and talent in APOGLA. A lot of us have become **leaders in our chosen fields of practice and professions.** We know how to run things but have become compartmentalized to a point that (in my opinion) **we have been operating largely on being everything to everyone.** In my recently retired life, **it's called mission creep,** and it is potentially fatal. For example, we all have fraternal relationships firmly established either with our resident or alumni chapters, or personal relationships forged by our membership in Alpha Phi Omega. It is only human nature that given our affinity as APO, our immediate reaction is to engage APOGLA in supporting requests for assistance even if the request do not align with what we swore to do. That needs to stop, and **I need everyone's help in articulating that our support is limited to what aligns with our mission statement.**

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Moreover, APOGLA's core is family. **What are we doing to expand our family's horizons to create a better impact on lives** that ask for our help? Legacy building goes beyond the bottom line of continuing with what we perceive as high success but low impact products. APOGLA is about **creating something enduring that transcends individual success and contributes to a much greater good** - a sustainable high impact, high ROI rate program achievable with strategic partnerships.

Key Elements of Legacy Building:

- 1. Visionary Leadership:** Legacy-building begins with visionary leadership that inspires and guides the organization towards a greater purpose. Leaders must **articulate a compelling vision that motivates stakeholders** to work towards a common goal.
- 2. Long-Term Thinking:** Legacy-building requires a **long-term perspective**. Instead of focusing solely on immediate results, organizations must consider the impact of their actions on future generations. This means making decisions that **prioritize sustainability, innovation, and social responsibility**.
- 3. Investing in People:** People are the heart of any organization. Successful legacy-building "musts" include 1) investing in our membership, 2) nurturing talent, and 3) fostering a culture of collaboration and continuous learning.
- 4. Innovation and Adaptability:** Innovation is key to staying ahead in a rapidly changing world. Legacy-building organizations are not afraid to embrace change and disrupt the status quo. They **continuously seek new ways to innovate, evolve, and meet the needs of their customers**.
- 5. Social Responsibility:** Legacy-building goes beyond fund-raising and profit maximization. We must consider our impact on society and the environment. We can **create positive change and leave a better defined legacy of service to humanity that continues beyond this and future APOGLA administrations**.

Quick Case Study: The Walt Disney Company

The Walt Disney Company is a prime example of legacy-building through strategic planning. From its humble beginnings as a cartoon studio in the 1920s, Disney has evolved into a global entertainment powerhouse. Through visionary leadership, creative innovation, and a commitment to storytelling, Disney has created a legacy that spans generations.

Disney's strategic planning is evident in its **diversified portfolio** of businesses, including theme parks, movies, television networks, and consumer products. **By constantly reinventing itself and adapting to changing market conditions, Disney has remained relevant** and beloved by audiences around the world.

But Disney's legacy goes beyond entertainment. The company is also committed to social responsibility, investing in initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion, environmental sustainability, and community development.

Bottom Line:

Strategic planning and legacy building are intricately linked. By setting clear goals, embracing innovation, and prioritizing social responsibility, **APOGLA will continue to lead the way in creating a legacy that stands the test of time. I truly believe that we collectively can make this happen.** Sabi nga sa pinanggalingan ko, **kung hindi ngayon, kailan pa?**

Fraternally yours,

BRO. JOEL CARBON

APOGLA, President 2024

"Strength in Diversity"

"It's A Wonderful Life"

By Rowena Calvario in collaboration with Bro. Art Rivera



Florencio Thomas "Toti" Ayo was born on September 22, 1953 in Naga City, Camarines Sur, Philippines to Prudenria Agbay and Antonio Ayo. He is the second of seven siblings. He is a product of Jesuit education from Ateneo de Naga University where he graduated with a degree in Marketing.

He is survived by his wife of forty years, Racquel Subida-Ayo, their children Patrick and wife Kim; Christopher and wife Valerie; Emily and fiancée Francis; their grandchildren Josiah, Joelle, Jordyn, Joy, Jodie, Jonnis and Audrey.

It was in 1979 that he arrived in Los Angeles wherein he worked some interesting jobs, including being a Butler of the actor Danny Thomas, when he was starting out and eventually went on and worked as a Realtor.

At the Ateneo de Naga University, he joined the Beta Kappa Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega International Service Fraternity in 1972. After moving to the US, Together with other brothers, sisters and APO Philippines organizer Dr. Librado I. Ureta, who were residents of Los Angeles, started to meet and planned to organize an association of immigrant Filipino APOs. The dream came into fruition in December 1980 when the founding members organized the first Alumni Association in the United States, the Alpha Phi Omega (Philippines) California. While the association was met with trials and challenges of a growing organization, Toti assumed the leadership from 1984-1986, known as the Renaissance and became the APO Alumni Association of Southern California. He also served as Chairman of the Board, Adviser over the years. In January 1995, the association adopted a new name to what is now known around the world as Alpha Phi Omega of Greater Los Angeles. Toti was honored with the highest award in APOGLA, the Dr. Librado I. Ureta Award at the Anniversary Ball in December 1995 in recognition of his exemplary display of the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

On September 1990, during the APO Northern California and APO Southern California Sports Fest in San Francisco, the gallant efforts of Egay Ninofranco, Beta Chapter, Joey Makayan, Psi Chapter and Danny Nagrampa, Alpha Nu Chapter proved as inspiration and the APO Alumni Council of North America was officially founded. Toti served as Ad-Hoc President from 1991-1992 and he was officially elected as the First ACNA President during the New Jersey Convention in September 1992 and served during the development years 1993-1994. From the original five Charter Alumni Associations, ACNA has grown into an international force of thirty-four Alumni Associations across the US and Canada.

We all know that he was equipped with the gift of gab and the art of writing. I would like to share what he wrote from his own posting on June 28, 2016 when he wrote "Open Letter" to his dear friends, relatives and all.

"Yes, it was in June 1983, when Racquel and I got married at Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic church in Westwood. Our marriage was solemnized by my dear Uncle Rev. Msgr. Luis R. Ayo, together with seven other priests including an Orthodox Bishop. The wedding reception was held at the Don Beachcomber Restaurant in Marina del Rey.

And yes, a few of my fraternal buddies in the Alpha Phi Omega were there as well led by our dear Philippine Organizer, the late Brother Librado "Bado" I. Ureta, who was then a resident of Long Beach.

A journey of a lifetime with so many roads we took, so many joys we created and celebrated and where so many lives we touched and have been touched along the way...isn't it more than enough reasons to be thankful for and be grateful about?! With whatever difficulties and sacrifices we have had, not only as parents but as a social being, our Faith dictates, comfort awaits in His heavenly kingdom.

So, to our dear friends and all, our paths have crossed, we have touched each other's hearts and we have had some meaningful relationships in our lives at some point in time ...it is one of many blessings indeed.

Slowly a generation passes by as every generation does. May we be given more time to share and reflect and a chance to say thank you to all of life's experiences and thanks for the memories...JJJ."

You said it best Kuya Toti, we all wish the same for you! You have been such a blessing in all our lives. Thank you for the memories. And may you find comfort in His Heavenly kingdom. You leave a deep void in our hearts and lives. We will forever cherish your legacy.

Funeral Services	
Viewing: June 13-14 4pm - 8pm	Funeral Mass & Burial: June 15 9am Mass w/ burial to follow
Location: Queen of Heaven Mortuary Rowland Heights, CA	



OBITUARY

Florencio Thomas "Toti" Ayo
September 22, 1953 - May 14, 2024



On behalf of the whole APOGLA family, our heartfelt condolences to Racquel, and their children Patrick and wife Kim; Christopher and wife Valerie; Emily and fiancée Francis; their grandchildren Josiah, Joelle, Jordyn, Joy, Jodie, Jonnis and Audrey on his passing. Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts are with you.

Thank you Brother Toti for your leadership, you surely leaves a big void in our organization. Rest in eternal peace!

Our thoughts and prayers to Grace and Bro. Bobet Lara for the passing of her mother Felisa Rionda, 95 years old this month and older brother last March. Our profoundest condolences.

Our condolences to Bro. Jun and Sis. Tess Madrigal for the passing of Bro. Jun's mother Nelia Marapia Madrigal earlier this month in the Philippines. Our prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.



Joey Policarpio **Epsilon, SAPOC**

Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of Brother Joey Policarpio. To those who may not know him, he is one of the founders APO SAPOC and instrumental in creating the APO Learning Center in Cainta, Rizal. APOGLA and several APO-ACNA AAs joined together to help fund that very noble undertaking by SAPOC.



Fernando "Jojo" Banaria **April 2, 1957 - May 5, 2024**

We would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to Martha, Brod Jojo's widow, and to their children, Ralph and Ysabel, and to the rest of the family. Brod Jojo made a positive impact on so many lives. He is now in the company of the Lord. May he rest in peace.

APO Brod Fernando "Jojo" Banaria was born April 2, 1957 to his late parents Fernando Banaria, Sr. and Isabel Mendoza - Banaria of Dagupan City and Asingan, Pangasinan. He passed away on May 5, 2024 after a stroke. He was only 67 years old.

Bro. Jojo is from Alpha Chapter, Batch '74-B - Triumviratus. Brod Jojo graduated from the Far Eastern University with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Accounting, Magna Cum Laude. It was in the university campus that he honed his talents in becoming a model of a good citizen of the country. It was also in the FEU campus where he joined the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity which trained him in friendship, leadership and service.

The APO was the only organization Brod Jojo dedicated most of his time. Upon his family's immigration to the US, he joined APO East Coast (now APO GNY) then moved to Merced, California where he worked as Auditor for the Merced County. When APO Alpha Chapter Alumni International was formed in the late 90s he was an influential member and became its President from 2005-2009. Before that, he held various positions thereby serving the organization to his utmost best. Brod Fernando "Jojo" Banaria, a true Alphan, a true APO. Your Brothers and Sisters will surely miss you!

APOGLA Family Spring Break Getaway *Continued from page 1*

It was great and everybody had fun! Let's do it again and let's have more attendees! - Melvin Villaver

APOGLA Spring Break Getaway was full of excitement and was a a memorable experience for me and Gi. We're really thankful for the Committee that led the event as well as to the group that joined. It was indeed a lovely and special night. Let's do this again! - Roland Paras

The Temecula get together was the second time I went to the place. This was another great experience for me. It was a wonderful trip for me exploring the winery, selecting the wine, enjoying the view of the place, watching people having an amazing time. This is something for a change that we should do this at least once a year. - Marilou Fajardo

The Family Spring Break Getaway with the spouses held in this vibrant new venue was a wonderful experience. That night we engaged with others, spent quality time with our spouses, and enjoyed fun-filled evening with wine, dinner, and dancing to the music of a live band was beyond fun. It's an experience so delightful we better make this a tradition annually. - Jose Fajardo



Pictures from APOGLA March GMM @Galster Park, West Covina, CA



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APOGLA ANNUAL CAMPING 2024 SCHEDULE

Camping program

May 24, (Friday)

- 2:00pm check in
- Set up committee bring fav food to share
- Movie night (optional) if systems are already available

Bonfire / fellowship

May 25 (Saturday)

- Breakfast sponsored by bro Lito and Bro Ogie
- Registration
- 1 dish provided for lunch; brethren are welcome to bring their favorite dish to share
- Fellowship / setting up the tent
- Games and sport committee / volleyball/ pickle ball/ dart /basketball /touch football / beer pong
- Dinner
- Bonfire / talent contest / karaoke /movie night.

May 26 (Sunday)

8:30am

- Zumba (music by Sancho)
- Jogging/biking/ walking around the lake

9:30am

- Breakfast

10:30am

- Parlor games/ tag of war/ sack race / volleyball/ pickle ball/ soccer ball/ pool / basketball/ bingo and board games

12:30 pm

- HOLY MASS (encourage participant for monetary donation)

1:30 pm

- Lunch

2:30pm

- Continue parlor games and sport activities

4:00pm

- GMM

7:00pm

- Dinner

8:00 pm

- Fellowship / karaoke / bonfire

May 27 (Monday)

- Brunch
- Tear down
- Check out 12:00 pm

Members check list

- Water / favorite drinks to share
- Sports or games materials to share
- Music instrument (during campfire)
- Flashlight
- Towel / Toiletries
- Bug spray / Allergy medicine
- Medications

“Look Me in the Eyes” and Be A Communicator!

by Bro. Ferdie Yambot

I can never claim to be one and at the risk of divulging my very own not-too-sturdy roots (though deeply soaked in values) developed from childhood and family upbringing, I'll have to say that “In communicating, words are less important than the tone of your delivery and your body language.”

When talking to fraternal brothers/sisters and friends, congruency between our words, tonality, and body motions is necessary to observe in conveying our genuine intentions. Else, wrong impression can brew-up raising the probability of misconception.

Note that one can never expect to learn this in school as effective communication skills are properly acquired at our tender childhood age with family and it continues to develop when we meet acquaintances in our social circles. Fraternal experience is quite an advantage as our traits are enhanced by diverse exposure!

A big head start is growing in a big close-knit family with the better-life ambitions. Our loving conscientious “street-smart” parents recognized our natural instincts, nurturing it with show of responsible actions barely using WORDS. In the family, “our eyes and body language talk better” expressing compassion and gratefulness. Suffice to say, we are proud of our humble beginnings!

Looking brothers/sisters in the eyes indicates genuine sincerity. Combining it with good words, tone of voice and appropriate body language make it even more compassionate and effective. With high emotional quotient, one can easily sense pretense making communication in-effective. With “eye talk,” words border on being not quite necessary!

Borrowing from a known psychologist who coined the 7-38-55 rule in communicating..... “The 7-38-55 rule defines that only 7% of communication is done thru words whereas the non-verbal component (tone of voices) make up 38% and 55% body language and facial expression”

Be a “COMMUNICATOR” by always bearing this in mind; be best understood.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

MAY 25-27 ANNUAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND FAMILY CAMPING and GMM, Lake Perris, CA

**JUNE 22 APOGLA GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER - Soboba Springs GC
6 PM - GMM & FELLOWSHIP, Jaranilla Spa & Resort, Moreno Valley**

JULY 20 JULY GMM & FELLOWSHIP - JAVIERTO'S MANOR - San Bernardino, CA.

AUGUST 24 GMM & FELLOWSHIP, EL CASA GRANDE DE SALVADOR - Santa Clarita, CA

**SEPTEMBER 21 2nd BRO. GEOFFREY ARROYO HEAL THE BAY SERVICE EVENT, Seal Beach
2:00 - 5:00 PM GMM & FELLOWSHIP - Seal Beach, CA**

OCTOBER 12-13 APOGLA LADIES WEEKEND II

OCTOBER 19 GMM, 2025 PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES & FELLOWSHIP, Amon Ranch, West Hill

OCTOBER 26 APOGLA ELECTION & FELLOWSHIP, Venue TBA

NOVEMBER 23 GMM, STATE OF APOGLA REPORT, THANKSGIVING AWARDS & FELLOWSHIP

**DECEMBER 14-15 2025 LEADERS' INDUCTION & ANNIVERSARY FELLOWSHIP, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Ontario
BRUNCH, Emperado Chalet - Rancho Cucamonga, CA.**

DECEMBER 31 NEW YEARS EVE EVENT, Venue TBA

FROM MY POINT OF VIEW

The Glory of Italy and Greece's Ancient History

By Bro. Dan E. Nino

Travelling to other countries like Italy and Greece is culturally and intellectually very enriching and stimulating. It rekindled my interest and passion in history especially ancient history and antiquities of both countries. The first time I was in Italy was in 2009 but only visited Rome, San Marcello in the province of Ancona.

Our recent trip to these two great countries of Europe had broadened my knowledge of classical history. What we learned in school were limited or scant. Learning is more effective when tour guides explained in more details our featured destination's history replete with videos, real artifacts, statues and reinforced with Q&A.



The author with wife Myrna E. Nino in downtown Florence, Italy in front of a carousel. - Photo by Denver E. Nino

My family journeyed to Italy with Florence as our base to primarily fulfill an obligation. Wifey Myrna was one of the *ninangs* or godmothers of the bride and groom while my only adult child Denver was one of the groomsmen for this wedding destination. Tim Mamoyac, the groom and a relative, is an IT guy while his lovely bride, Cydney Purificacion is a physician. I considered this as luxurious wedding infused with a 30-minute fireworks after a lavish and overflow of cocktails with enormous cold cuts and other appetizers – amid a trio of Italian musicians with their acoustic guitars providing non-stop entertainment.

With the hors d'oeuvre alone, I felt I was already having gluttony — a full meal. Thereafter, a formal dining reception followed. The whole wedding entourage and guests who mostly came from the U.S. were having fellowship awaiting for the wedding cake to be served when all of a sudden, fireworks erupted outside of the hall's lush gardens. It was like the 4th of July on March 13 which coincidentally was also my birthday. I almost stole the thunder when a portion of the guests began

singing the “happy birthday” song. I had to scuttle it for obvious reason.

After a quick layover in Zurich where its mountain ranges were still packed with snow, we arrived in Florence after an-hour flight at 6 p.m. on March 9. My first impression on our way to our hotel on Via Aprile were most of the streets are narrow and one-way. Our driver, reminded us that walking around downtown Florence is faster than taking a cab or Uber.

The following day, we ventured out to downtown Firenze, the Italian name of Florence, specifically to Piazza San Giovanni (St. John Square), and Piazza Signoria and Piazza Duomo (Cathedral Square). This urban nucleus is the civic, political and religious center of this historic Italian city.

My primary interest were the historic sights and icons and museums of Florence, considered the bastion of the Renaissance Period in Italy. This preeminent city whose history began in 59 B.C. under Caesar Augustus of the Roman Empire produced world renowned artists and personalities like Donatello (the father of Renaissance, bronze David, St. John the Baptist, etc.), Michelangelo (The marble statue of King David found at Galleria dell' Accademia, frescoed painting at Sistine Chapel ceiling at the Vatican, etc.), merchant and explorer-navigator Amerigo Vespucci whose name the term America was derived from, master painter Raphael and architect (Madonna painting, frescoed Vatican Palace), the powerful and fabulously wealthy Medici family that produced two popes: Giovanni de Medici who became Pope Leo X and cousin Giulio de Medici who chose the name Clement VII. When Rome was sacked in 1527, the Medici family lost power.

We also explored the original Gucci Store show window in Florence. When my son inquired how much does one shoulder party bag cost, the well-dressed sales lady revealed, 49,000 euro. I stormed out and just bought three fine leather goods amounting to 150 euro (about USD 200) at the open pavilion or flea stores which is still expensive by American standard. I found out later that my son Denver bought two Gucci party bags totaling 2,800 euro for his mom and cousin.

The one-lane in U.S. streets is equivalent to two lanes in Italy. I figured out, Italy during those ancient years, transportation were by carriage or wagons pulled by horses. The narrow streets and alleys were safe despite the invisible cops.

In downtown Florence across Palazzo Vecchio, I even met here 29-year-old newcomer Philippine actor and model, Gabriel Paolo whose last name in real life is Lagman who mentioned that he starred in the TV series “*Halik*”. It took him two hours on board a train from Rome to Florence.

Florence derived its name from the Latin word “*florentia*”, which means flora and flower that began when Caesar Augustus founded this colony. During the first century A.D., Florence encountered all problems related to the propagation of Christianity replacing its pagan or mythological god, Mars to St. John the Baptist in the second half of the third century. Its first Christian martyr was Saint Miniano.

Located in the Tuscany region known as Italic settlement, it became a Roman town then became Florentia, a city-state during the Roman empire and under the Barbarian rule. Slowly, the growth of Florence in the 10th or 11th centuries dubbed as “general awakening” by the Italian people became autonomous around 1115.

Then the Renaissance period of cultural, political, economic and artistic rebirth of Europe emerged from 14th century to the 17th centuries. The renaissance began in Italy with the powerful Medici family very supportive of the Renaissance artists.

There were conflicts between papacy and the imperial troops, the aristocratic faction versus popular faction. Florence was also governed by internecine fighting among the feudal lords, nobles and the richest merchants and between Cardinal Alborno against Pope Gregory XI known as Eight Saints War (1375-1378).

Italy was ruled by Byzantines, the French the Hapsburg-Lorraine family of Austria up to 1860; the Byzantines, the Lombards, a Germanic Tribe and the Savoy Royal Family Dynasty from 1861 to 1946.

Next stop, we'll explore other great destinations of Pisa, Venice and Athens. – denino1951@gmail.com





GOINGS ON by Sis. Fely Logarta-Montecillo

*"I cannot tell you how it was,
But this I know; it came to pass
Upon a bright and sunny day
When MAY was young; ah pleasant May!"* - Christina Rossetti

Yes! May is full of real perfect days, full of sunshine and blooming flowers. This is truly a month of rebirth, inspiration and excitement for now we look forward to a long and relaxing summer. Here are the celebrations observed this merry month of May:

May 1 - International Labor Day
May 3 - World Press Freedom Day
May 8 - World Red Cross Day
May 11 - World Migratory Birds Day
May 12 - Mother's Day
May 29 - International Day of U.N. Peacekeepers

To those born during this month, they fall under the Zodiac sign of Taurus (April 20 to May 20), and Gemini (May 21 to June 20). Hmmm! Both are interesting!

The Taurians value stability in their relationships, loyalty to their partner, values sensuality and touch. They are strong, dependable, hard workers. They can be argumentative creative, possessive and jealous, determined and persistent.

On the other hand, those born under the sign of Gemini constantly want to be on the move, adaptable, outgoing, astute, super fast, super smart, curious, flexible, extroverted, clever, intelligent and curious.

So to those celebrating their birthday this month, HAPPY BIRTHDAY! You're one of a kind and deserve everything that this special day brings!

AÇAÍ Intl. PP Brod Jham Jamero is beaming from ear to ear nowadays. And why not? His second son, Regent, bought a house for him and wifey, Lynette, in Virginia. Of course, this means uprooting their lives here in California and begin their lives anew in Virginia. Many Alphans have mixed emotions about this as we are losing an active, creative, and very cooperative leader and member. But the Alphans are also happy for him for his good fortune.

And speaking of good fortune, his daughter, Rienzi, graduated last year from the Los Angeles City College with three degrees and with honors! First is the Degree of Associate of Arts in Social and Behavior Science, Summa Cum Laude. Second is the Degree-of Associate of Arts for Transfer in Economics, Magna Cum Laude. The third and last is the degree of Associate of Science for Transfer in Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude. Keep up the good work Rienzi and congratulations!

His son, Rigel Jamero, is now assigned with the U.S. Naval Hospital Rota in Spain. Now we are not surprised why Brod Jam Jamero is so beaming with pride and joy!

The passing of Alphan PP Jojo Banaria saddened many of us who knew him. We extend our deepest condolence to his wife, Martha, and to his children . May he rest in peace.

Many of us are eagerly waiting for the 2024 camping with great enthusiasm and eagerness . The games, the food, the camaraderie, the FUN! Let's go!

Through our column, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolence to Racquel, Brod Toti Ayo's wife, and to the rest of his family on his passing. Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts are with you.

I remember Brod Toti to be so soft spoken, so amiable, so much of a gentleman, full of wisdom and great ideas. He surely leaves a big void in our organization. Someone so special can never be forgotten.

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

1. Agagon, Troy
2. Almazan Alex**
3. Almazan Irma**
4. Amon, Ophel
5. Amon, Tony
6. Ang-Gayon, Melody
7. Angsula, Bong
8. Atienza, Oscar
9. Atienza, Rennel
10. Ayo, Toti+
11. Bayani, JR
12. Bonete, Malene
13. Cajucom. Wilfredo
14. Calvario, Rene
15. Carbon, Joel
16. Cervantes, Paul
17. Chin, Jhun
18. Chua, Michael
19. Cobarrubias, Bob
20. Conferido, Reuben
21. Cordova, Jimmy
22. Corpuz, Alex
23. Cristobal, Lope
24. De Leon, Leslie Ramos*
25. De Leon, Vince*
26. Delmolin, Froilan
27. Duldulao, Gieldy
28. Emperado, Rudy
29. Evangelista, Jen**
30. Evangelista Domel **
31. Fajardo, Marilou
32. Fajota, Honeyboy
33. Ford, Rebecca
34. Franco, Rolly
35. Galang, Emma Rubina
36. Gomez. Tony
37. Gopez, Bernard
38. Guevarra, Jepoy
39. Guevarra, Jing
40. Imperial, Gloria
41. Jaramilla, Ogie
42. Javierto, Mandy
43. Junio, Virgil
44. Languisan, Paul
45. Lautchang, Wilson
46. Layno, Mary Ann
47. Madrigal, Jun
48. Madrigal, Tess
49. Mamaril, Ferdinand

50. Mansilla, Beeboy
51. Medina, Raul
52. Mejia, Francis
53. Mendez, Daemma
54. Mendoza, Armand
55. Mercado, Bebot
56. Miranda, Jemma*
57. Miranda, Shane
58. Montecillo, Fely
59. Nino, Dan
60. Ninofranco, Edgar
61. Noche, Cesar
62. Paggao, Jerome
63. Pangilinan, Angel
64. Paredes, Vic
65. Pastores, Alex
66. Petreaca, Petchie
67. Picazo, Bobitte
68. Posadas, Rey
69. Reyes, Roehl
70. Rivera, Art
71. Rodriguez, Edward*
72. Rondilla, Dony
73. Rosal, Justin
74. Sager, Limuel
75. Salvador, Buddy
76. Segara, Roderick*
77. Silao, Benjie
78. Sipin, Perry
79. Soledad, Apple
80. Solis, Tess
81. Somera, Herman
82. Sy, Sancho
83. Tarculas, Josie
84. Tarculas, Lito
85. Tecson, Ed
86. Tuazon, Ramon
87. Umandal, Ruel
88. Valentino, Hero
89. Valera, Liza
90. Ventura, Beatriz
91. Villamin, Richard
92. Villaver, Eleonor
93. Villaver, Melvin
94. Yambot, Ferdie

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- 06 - Raul David+
- 07 - Art Rivera
- 08 - Alyson Rondilla
- 10 - William Chua+
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- 15 - Sammie Zamora
- 17 - Marilou Fajardo
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- 19 - Daff Jorda, Celso M. Uy
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- 27 - Ramon Tuazon
- 30 - Ferdie Yambot
- 31 - Oscar Atienza, Jaime Bautista

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- 07 - Merryshun Cadavez
- 10 - Mylene dela Cruz
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- 17 - Gloria Arucan
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- 23 - LC Jane Caldoza
- 25 - Leticia Milano

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- 07 - Dana Peninong
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- 10 - Meggan Enguero
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- 16 - Katrina Cajucom, Liana Gopez
- Sweet Apura
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- 19 - Rodrigo Pepino III
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- 24 - Megan Pagado
- 27 - Juliana Louise Enguero
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Board Games: Domel Evangelista

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