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Lorimar Vineyards & Winery is a place to enjoy live music, local, wine tastings and unforgettable views of Mt. Palomar in Temecula, CA. Pictures above were taken from previous outing of the place. This year a committee is assigned to explore another excursion to celebrate this month of love.

Celebration of Love Goes Back to Lorimar

By Fely Logarta-Montecillo

“It’s all systems go for the post Valentine Party on Ladies Night come the 28th of this month”, this was the enthusiastic announcement of the Chairperson of the affair, Sis Melody Ang-Gayon.

She also informed TNB that the much awaited affair will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at the Lorimar Winery, located at 39990 Anza Road, Temecula. The event, which is expected to draw APOGLA’s lovers in droves, will kick off at 3:30 pm with a wine tasting as the place produces award-winning, fruit forward wines from estate-grown grapes like Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and Sangiovese.

Lorimar Vineyards and Winery is a Tuscan-style winery. It is known for its blend of hand-crafted wines, live music, local art, and gourmet food all set against scenic views of the valley. The winery features a 22-acre vineyard. The place also offers a panoramic view of the Temecula Valley, Citrus groves, and mountains.

After the wine tasting, dinner will be served at 5:30 pm at The Patio of Lorimar. Dancing follows with live music provided by Bodie. Assisting Sis Melody Ang -Gayon in this lively affair is Sis. Daemma Mendez.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Brothers, friends, and future family,

It sounds like the January General Membership Meeting was a powerhouse of productivity! Transitioning leadership while tackling the heavy hitters - like the 100-year legacy and membership sustainability - is no small feat. It's clear the new officers are hitting the ground running.

Meeting Highlights: January General Membership

Financials & Fundraising

- **Budgeting:** Discussed projected budgets for the upcoming term to ensure fiscal responsibility.
- **Fundraising:** Strategized new initiatives to support chapter goals and community outreach.

Strategic Planning & Events

- **Affiliations:** Updates were provided on upcoming APOGLA and ACNA activities, ensuring alignment with broader organizational goals.
- **LA Marathon:** Reconfirmed participation; registration links have been distributed to all members.

The Road to 100 Years: Membership & Legacy

- **Membership Sustainability:** Engaged in a "stimulating exchange" regarding the depletion of Alumnae membership. Members weighed pros and cons and offered suggestions for recruitment and retention.
- **Leadership Transition:** Formally completed the "turnover of records and stuffs" from predecessors, ensuring a smooth handoff for the new administration.

Save the Date

- **Next Meeting:** February 21, 2026
- **Location:** Residence of Bro. Nestor and Sis. Shirley Jove

Reflecting on the Vision: With a century of "Leadership, Friendship, and Service" behind you, the focus on revitalizing the Alumnae base is a vital step toward the next 100 years.

Yours truly,

Bro Joseph "Jobee" Jovellanos

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Vigilance Alert

By Bro. Ferdie Yambot

A semi-complicated puzzle is adversely affecting both psyche and heart of APOGLA; seemingly solvable, only if, we collectively put our minds and efforts into it! Such puzzle was brought to everyone's attention through a TNB piece authored by PP Bro Dony Rondilla titled "The State of APOGLA-Reflection and Renewal". Though it is hard to swallow, APOGLA is trapped into a complacent state, so much so, that a good majority of its subjects seem to care less of our once top-notch reputation. There have been sincere efforts to encourage leadership, yet experience and commitment are not easily transferred.



Once published, it drew deserved attention becoming a hot topic on GLA's Viber chat group; the revered author courteously acknowledged declaring that if he inspired even a single soul with his article, his mission is accomplished, though it's a long treacherous road.

In the January GMM, another statesman, Bro PP Egay Ninofranco, appropriately coined the phrase, "APOGLA's prestige and honorable standing are in gradual Decline". (I, like nobody, could not agree more, as I couldn't have coined it any better!) It used to be that mention of GLA in any kind of setting (APO Phils, ACNA or in local community) bring chills and pride to those who relate to the classy standing. (The old timers can somehow relate more to these chills and pride feelings as they were the work horses of the honorable olden days!)

We can't blame these main stayers for speaking from their hearts as they're the ones most deeply affected! But how in the world, can a newcomer (the Shrink) be able to relate(?), one may ask. And of course, I have an answer that I originally intended to carry to my grave but now am divulging for the sake of helping newcomers to similarly relate like it did me, many moons ago. It was an "un-rude"/pleasant awakening, so to speak, and it gave me an emotional shock as a GLAian.

In my past profession, I did a lot of international travels. On one trip to Asia, it was in dire coincidence that I met an APO brother (I did not personally know) at Taiwan Int'l Airport. While waiting for a flight back to LA, a decent looking gentleman approached me saying "I recognize you from pictures on the net. You are Bro. Ferdie Y from GLA, right? (I responded with a nod, for which he continued). "You folks, in GLA are the envy of the APO world! Your reputation is impeccable and you tend to even spice it up by doing all the fraternal things worthy of emulation! You don't get tired of helping brothers and sisters in dire need in our homeland! Even establishing your own reliable contact(s) to make the sending of help easy, flawless and most convenient. Additionally, in most ACNA conventions/meetings, you have the greatest number of attendees – all officers and many willing spenders in display of collective interest and enthusiasm! Everyone in APO hopes that you remain a model AA who keeps setting good examples and you're never complacent, being the best!"

I got stunned and in gratitude, I only was able to say, "Thank you, we deeply appreciate it!". It struck me, right in the heart and since then, the genuine feeling of honor and pride for GLA got embedded in me!

And then, this dizzying puzzle comes out: "GLA's honor and pride are on a gradual decline". What can be causing it? Bro. Dony mentioned the fact that several of our models who served as inspirations to most are now gone and their roles are hard to fill. There are even current tendencies for GLA to alienate/not embrace other groups of noble missions and objectives - difficult to understand (for me, anyway). One other thing that aggravates the situation is that there had been a few skirmishes/commotions caused by some members short of being reputable – a sharp decline, right there!

What can we all do to regain our honorable status? First, we must re-ignite our commitments to GLA. Good words would not mean anything . . . only good deeds will! Let us continue looking for solutions/answers to the puzzle. Our vigilance shall be in constant test. We will have the best chance of success by seriously adhering to a simple motto: Unwavering Pursuit of GLA Excellence!

Our current officers, along with the Council of Elders, ought to take the LEAD! Right NOW, is the best time to START! Let's get GOING!

Bro. FerdieMY

FAMILY MILESTONES: Celebrating Our APOGLA Family

By Dony Rondilla

At APOGLA, we are more than a fraternity—we are family. This season has been filled with beautiful moments of celebration, achievement, service, and new life. We proudly share these joyful milestones from within our growing APOGLA family.

A Debut to Remember: KYLEE RYAN RONDILLA TURNS 18



On November 21, 2025, over 200 family members and friends gathered at the Reef in Long Beach for the elegant and unforgettable debut of **Kylee Ryan Rondilla**, the granddaughter of Bro. Dony & Elsa Rondilla.

Radiant and poised, Kylee shared a touching dance with her parents, **Melissa Heath and Michael Rondilla**, and delighted guests with a lively performance alongside her court of chosen friends. The evening featured the beloved traditions of 18 Roses, 18 Treasures, and 18 Candles, each filled with love, laughter, heartfelt memories, and words of wisdom.

One of the most treasured moments of the night was Kylee's dance with her grandfather, **Jerry Heath**, who passed away just few weeks later. That dance is now a lasting gift to the family—a memory forever held close to the heart.



Excellence in Healthcare: A MASTER'S DEGREE EARNED

Congratulations to **Bro Sanch Gerald Sy**, the son of **Bro. Sancho and May Sy** on earning his Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) specializing in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner from Walden University on November 9, 2025. Graduation ceremony was held at Disney World last January 24, 2026.

Bro Sanch earned his BSN at Mountain View College in Valencia City, Bukidnon where he joined APO-Philippines, Xi Kappa chapter, sister school of Delta Kappa. Before hand he is already an APO-USA brother from Lambda Mu chapter (California State University, Los Angeles) in 2009.

He now serves at Olive View - UCLA Medical Center in the Behavioral Health Unit – ODR Program, dedicating his work to compassionate mental health care and service to the community.

Alongside him is his wife, **Charisse**, his high school sweetheart, a Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and Clinical Director at A Change in Trajectory. Together, they are raising two wonderful sons, **Chowee (5)** and **Isse (2)** - a family grounded in love and service.



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Bundles of Joy: Welcoming BABY HANS

With great joy, we welcome **Hans Paul Reinhardt**, born on December 29, 2025, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Hans is the beloved grandson of APOGLA Vice President **Bro. Paul and Melissa Cervania** and the son of **Kristiana Cervania and Mitch Reinhardt**. His arrival brings smiles, renewed hope, and immeasurable happiness to both families.



Service and New Beginnings: THE CARBON FAMILY



We proudly salute **2nd Lieutenant Paulo Carbon (Alpha Kappa '23)**, **APO Kid** and **APO USA** brother, who is currently at Fort Rucker, Alabama, completing the Aviation Officer Basic Course and Flight School through 2028. His commitment to leadership and country reflects the very best of our fraternity's values.

At the same time, hearts are full as Bro. Joel and Lou Carbon celebrate becoming grandparents to **Keirabella Noelle (KB)**, now three months old. She was born to APOkid **Jude**

Carbon and his wife, Crystal, bringing sweet joy and a new generation of promise to the Carbon family.

From milestone birthdays and newborn blessings to academic triumphs and military service, these celebrations remind us that APOGLA's legacy lives on through our children and grandchildren. As they grow, achieve, and serve in their own paths, we are reminded that the spirit of Leadership, Friendship, and Service continues to shine brightly and proudly across generations.



MAY SY: A Vibrant Force in the Alpha Phi Omega Community *by Sis. Irma Almazan*

May Sy is the devoted wife of **Bro. Sancho Sy**, a longtime and highly respected member of Alpha Phi Omega (APO), specifically active in the Alpha Phi Omega Greater Los Angeles Alumni Association (APOGLA). Sancho, a past president of APOGLA and a dedicated graphic designer, has been deeply involved in the organization since at least the late 1980s, contributing to its events, leadership, and service projects.

May embodies a vivacious spirit that lights up every APO gathering she attends. Known for her warm energy and infectious enthusiasm, she is a beloved figure among the brothers, sisters, and families in the APOGLA community. Her presence adds joy and liveliness to meetings, anniversaries, and fellowship events, where she is often seen supporting her husband and connecting with everyone around her.

What truly sets May apart is her unique and optimistic vision for the organization: she firmly believes that one day, APOGLA will strike it rich by winning the lottery! This hopeful dream has become a charming tradition in the group. At every event—whether it's a meeting, gathering, or celebration—May enthusiastically goes around with her paper and pen, collecting \$5 contributions from anyone willing to participate in their group lottery ticket purchase. It's her way of fostering camaraderie, adding a fun element of excitement, and dreaming big together as a family. While the jackpot has yet to come, the ritual itself has created countless smiles, laughs, and shared moments of hope among the members.

May's dedication extends beyond the lottery fun—she is an exemplary wife, mother, and grandmother who actively participates in APOGLA's activities, from holiday celebrations and service projects to anniversary galas. Her positive outlook and commitment to the fraternity's spirit of leadership, friendship, and service make her an integral part of the community.

In the words of those who know her, May Sy brings heart and hope to APOGLA, reminding everyone that with a little luck and a lot of togetherness, great things are possible!



Thank You!

On behalf of our entire family, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the kindness and support shown to us following the passing of my husband, Tony, and the father of our children - Bertram, Daryl, Pamela, and Angelica. Whether you attended the service, sent beautiful flowers, or extended your prayers and support, your presence has brought us great comfort during this difficult time.

The wonderful turnout from family, friends, and the APO assembly reminded us of how deeply Tony was loved. That love and support mean the world to us as we navigate this loss.

Our sincerest thanks to all of you, and we are deeply grateful for your generous donations.

We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to Bro Ramon and Sis Amy Tuazon, St. John Eudes, the APO brothers and sister who conducted the necrological rites, and the entire APO community for standing with us.



**Sis Ophel and the whole
AMON FAMILY**

Precious Moments with a Senior Brod

Brod Sancho Sy and wifey May visited Brod Dr. Tagumpay Navarro (Alpha Batch 1958) and his wife, Beth at their residence in Apopka, Florida. Apopka is a suburb of Orlando, Florida. Brod Tagumpay is a retired medical practitioner and his wife is a retired nurse.

Brod Sancho and May decided to share precious moments with them as they were going to attend the graduation of their son, Sanch, who is accepting his Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) specializing in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner from Walden University at Disney World. They were accompanied by their immediate family in this trip. Present with them during their call on the Navarros was Brod Derick Segara from Beta Chi Chapter who is working with Disney and now based in the area .



A Tribute to Brod Mar Garchitorena

By Dan Nino

I learned about the passing of Brod Mar Garchitorena, an alumni of Theta Chapter (UP Los Baños) when Brod Christian David called while I was still vacationing in Manila. Unfortunately, I couldn't attend his wake and pay my last respect.

The last time, I saw Brod Mar was during the necro memorial services of Brod Tony Amon (Alpha) not too long ago. In my brief conversation with Brod Mar, I observed he was pensive, reserve, stoic and in deep thought. I just surmised that something was bothering him.

For all intent and purposes, Brod Mar was the brainchild of the Ten Outstanding Filipino-American Senior Students or also known as TOFASS that recognized the scholastic achievements and extra-curricular activities of college-bound students within Los Angeles County that was launched in 2011 under the presidency of Brod Francis Mejia. His assignment was to write to public high school principals informing Fil-Am students to apply and submit their resumes and essays for vetting. They were awarded \$1,000 each as supplemental scholarship grant.

When APOGCLA decided to become a 501 C-7 as a nonprofit social fraternal club, Brod Mar continued his legacy and renamed APOGCLA to APO Global Foundation. In 2025 Brod Mar relaunched and spearheaded TOFASS under the banner of APO Global Foundation by awarding five outstanding high school students at a clubhouse in Cerritos.

Another legacy of Brod Mar together with other APO alumni brod partners, is by hosting our meetings at the facility for seniors on Beverly Blvd. at the heart of Filipino town in downtown Los Angeles. After my term as President and Board Chairman of APO Global Foundation, Brod Mar remained active as Chief Operating Officer.

One distinct achievement of Brod Mar was when he spearheaded the highly successful First APO Golf For A Cause Invitational Tournament at Dos Lagos Golf Course in Corona. The recipients of the proceeds went to the indigenous Dumagats and Igorots (egg laying poultry) in Nueva Ecija and Samahang Gabay that benefited young adults with disabilities like Down Syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy.

Brod Mar, I valued the service award that you personally delivered to my Cerritos home on behalf of APO Global Foundation. May you find eternal peace in the bosom of our Heavenly Father. – *Brod Dan E. Niño*

Pictures from the APO Necrological Service conducted by APO Theta AA





FROM MY POINT OF VIEW

Tribute to House Speaker JDV, Who Could Have Been Philippine President

By Bro. Dan E. Nino

Due to the exigencies in the passing of our five-time Philippine House Speaker, I'll slightly deviate the topic of my column in our TNB's February 2026 edition — to pay tribute to my former BIG BOSS of Landoil Resources Corporation, Jose de Venecia, Jr., also known by his initial: JDV.

Immediately after landing at the Los Angeles International Airport on Feb. 10 at 7 pm from Manila, I received a text from my brother Amor that Speaker Jose de Venecia, Jr. has passed away while I was already in the cloudy skies enroute to L.A. via Taipei.

My immediate reaction was immense grief because I wanted to visit JDV as part of my ritual whenever I visited Manila. But in this recent journey, I could not reach this looming public figure, one of the intellectual giants of Pangasinan and one of the consistent ten outstanding congressmen and proactive House speakers of the Philippine Congress. He was my idol, my mentor, my father-figure and older brother-figure. He has many distinctions that perhaps can only equal my other idol, the late modern day hero Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino. They have something in common: former journalists, public servants, international luminaries who both love their country.

My first glimpse of JDV who I later addressed as Sir or Boss then Kuya Joe, was when he was 29 year years old in 1965 and I was still in my short pants at 14. He was campaigning as an independent Liberal Party candidate in our barangay Quetegan, Mangatarem, Pangasinan for congressman for the 2nd district composed of Mangatarem, Urbiztondo, San Carlos, Dagupan City and Binmaley. It was a three-way electoral fight with incumbent Liberal Party Congressman Angel Fernandez and challenger Laureano “Jack” Soriano of San Carlos, now a city. With two liberals dividing the votes, Jack Soriano, a Nacionalista, won. But in the ensuing campaign four years later in 1969 at the age of 33, JDV won in a free zone as declared by then Liberal Party Secretary General Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino. He assumed office in January at age 34 in 1970, still one of the youngest congressmen at that time.

Why do I pay my tribute to JDV? Despite one among the most revered public servants and a global business leader from our province of Pangasinan, a statesman, a towering figure in national and international forums, president and board chairman of a conglomerate like Landoil, hobnobbing with world leaders like U.S. Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush. Egypt President Hosni Mubarak, South Africa President Nelson Mandela, Pope John Paul II, among others and all the accolades that he received in his lifetime, JDV remained humble, down-to-earth, a regular guy, affable with a soft heart. He was also generous to a fault.

He was a coalition and consensus builder, a peace advocate, an organizer of parliamentary bodies like Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Asean Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats Party president, among others. He could have been an ideal president of the Republic of the Philippines. But fate had a different twist as JDV was up against a popular *pang-masa* actor in Joseph Estrada.

Let me count the ways why I admire this “Global Filipino” and “A Man for All Seasons” : After graduating with a B.S. Medical Technology degree from Centro Escolar University (PSI Chapter), I knew that it was not my calling to be a clinical scientist. At a young age, I aspire to be like JDV and Ninoy Aquino and become a public servant someday. But my dad, a trial lawyer, refused that I change my professional career. Then martial law was declared. There were no elections for many years.

To further hone my natural inclinations, I decided to enroll in Journalism, English Literature, Communication Arts, Political Science and Business Policy which are my natural inclinations at the Ateneo de Manila University in Loyola Heights. Eventually, I became a freelance writer with Mod Magazine and Sports Weekly Magazine. I engaged in freelance writing and public relations with several clients under my built which I enjoyed so immensely. I had the chance to travel to the length and breadth of the Philippines, Japan and other countries. It was also in Ateneo campus where I co-organized the Gamma Kappa Chapter with Brod Tonette Ampil Tuazon, the Alpha Phi Omega Collegiate Fraternity. It's still thriving now with resident brods and sorority sisters.

JDV who was then the president of Landloil and Basic Petroleum in Makati, provided me a supplemental scholarship grant for one semester. He eventually hired me as assistant for public relations and corporate communications. Then he allowed me to leave our Makati office at 4 pm to commute to Katipunan in the afternoon.

Eventually, I moved to Philippine Cellophane Film Corporation, an affiliate of the Herdis Group of Companies as head of public relations & corporate communication and as editor of our corporate newsletter, TINIG.

Although I eventually moved to the United States in 1981, my contacts with JDV remained robust. I sent him our family's yearly Christmas greetings and visited him in Congress for courtesy calls with then Solicitor General Oscar Garcia, a fellow Pangasinense or at



The author, from left: Bro. Dan E., Niño, the late House Speaker Joe de Venecia, Jr., Philippine Post Editor-in-Chief & Publisher Val Abelgas, and Roger L. Oriol, Asian Journal and Balikbayan Magazine publisher.

“Bukas po Kuya Joe. He graciously retorted, “*Ako pala ang last priority mo?*” I was speechless and flabbergasted. Oh my!

Whenever he came to California whether to Los Angeles or San Francisco, he asked somebody, to reach out to me, usually my former fellow Landoil employees: Fred Joves of the Bay Area or Ads Diaz of L.A.

In the case of Los Angeles, we would meet at a hotel, Chinatown, In & Out Burger or at LAX before he’ll depart for Manila. On December 7, 2008, JDV met with us, his fellow Pangasinenses for book launching of his authorized biography, “Global Filipino” that truly defined his persona — written by Brett M. Decker — at Sheraton Hotel in Carson City. With him were Manay Gina and son Christopher. He signed the book that he gave me and wrote a brief dedication: “To Dan, my favorite press adviser, who has contributed to my life and career. I am proud of your work in America. You are truly a global Filipino.”

On many other occasions whether he was still in congress or not, he asked me to invite fellow journalists for a press conference. As a former journalist himself, JDV wants to surround himself with newsmen and love exchanging ideas.

At one time while JDV was in San Francisco, he called that was facilitated by fellow Landoil employee, Fred Joves. JDV profusely thanked me for facilitating the publication of his unredacted speeches as organizer of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and Inter-Parliamentary Union during his sorties in several countries. I used my connection as former correspondent and columnist of Philippine News through its publisher Francis Espiritu. Overwhelmed by the publication for a whole page in the broadsheet, JDV earnestly invited me to take a vacation in his seaside home in Bonuan Binloc, Dagupan City. From my end, I didn’t attempt due to scheduling conflicts.

When both of my parents died, JDV attended their wake in Quezon City. Those who attended were amazed by his presence. They enthused, “*Ang lakas mo naman kay speaker? Naka-dalaw pa sya rito!*”

During the martial law era for many years, we happened to visit JDV at his mansion at Dasmariñas Village, Makati with fellow journalist Jun Velasco, also of Dagupan City. Jun V is JDV’s confidant, editorial consultant and relative by affinity. When we were in his car, we asked him: Now that there are no more elections, what’s your take? He responded without battling an eyelash, “When there’s no election or campaigning, go into business and diversify.”

As a public speaker and great communicator he was so animated, fiery, colorful with words, replete with statistics, very hopeful, optimistic and positive with the possible rise of the Philippines overcoming its status as the sick man of Asia. He loves to hear that the Philippines is the Rising Tiger of Asia, That the best is yet to come. Remember, he is the author many bills including the Dollar-Remittance Program that became a law. That’s why he is called the Sunshine Joe. Often times, his admirers like me mimic his speeches. Sample No. 1: “From this very plaza of the people, we declare, we assert that under one flag, one umbrella, we shall break the frontiers of lethargy of a thousand years.”

Sample No. 2 in Pangasinense dialect: *No wala ray problema yo o kerewen yo, agko ra tan seneran. Agko ra tan benegan agko ra tan batikan. Sabaten ko ra tan ya problema yo.* In translation: “If ever you have problems or want anything from me, I will not shirk my responsibilities or set aside those problems. I will not run away, Instead, I will meet them head on to re solve those problems.”

One time when JDV delivered his corporate annual report as president and board chairman of Landoil, his employees including me were seated strategically in several tables around the hall. During the Q&A, one shareholder asked a challenging question. As a consequence, one Landoil employee stood to calm down the investor. Instead, JDV, confident, articulate and great communicator as he was, softened the audience: “Here in Landoil, we respect corporate freedom and democracy. Please proceed with your question.”

his home in Forbes Park with fellow journalists. He also visited us, his fellow Pangasinenses in Los Angeles and San Francisco not only as a congressman or speaker but as a private citizen.

At one time, he invited me to his house in Forbes Park and promised to cook for me. I demurred, “Kababaing, Kuya Joe or Nakakahiya naman, Kuya Joe (It’s shameful, Kuya Joe). He retorts, “*Basta, that’s a non-issue.*”

JDV brought me to his private reception room. He advised me, “Just wait here for a few minutes.” He proceeded to his huge kitchen. I took a peep! I saw him really cooking with his house helpers. His menu was a *misua* soup con patola and shredded beefs, my favorite when I was a kid. Instead of eating moderately, I savored his concoction with gusto.

After three hours of his precious time — shooting the breeze, he signaled me, “Let’s wrap it up because in 20 minutes, the ambassador of China will also visit me.” When he accompanied me towards the gate and after reaching his hand for a farewell blessing, he asked me, “Kailan ka ba babalik sa America?” I tersely responded, “I was speechless and flabbergasted. Oh my!”



GOINGS ON by Sis. Fely Logarta-Montecillo

“Gong Xi Fa Cai!” That’s Happy New Year for you in Chinese! It’s 2026 and to them this year is the year of the Fire Horse, which symbolizes energy, freedom, and rapid forward momentum. This year is also associated with strength, ambition and at times, unpredictable, high energy change. It is part of the 12 year cycle of Chinese Zodiac animals.

The Fire Horse represents hard work, independence and a passionate adventurous spirit. The people born in the ff. years 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026 are often characterized as energetic, charming, intelligent, and at times stubborn.

The year promises, according to cultural beliefs, a time for swift action, creativity, and career advancements. This year also , according to ideology, requires careful management of impulsive energy. So let’s hold on and just feel th energy!

Happy Birthday to all the celebrants for the month of February. May your birthday be the start of a year filled with new opportunities, accomplishments and endless joy. Mabuhay kayong lahat!

The recent events that have taken place in our small community have proven that in APOGLA one is never alone. With sad events, many come to you to share with your sorrow and when a gleeful event happens, so many also share with your joy. This is indeed, one of life’s blessings!

Since many members have become retirees recently, we can look forward to many of them globe trotting. We will miss their company but we wish them happy traveling; however, they will always come home and enjoy our camaraderie once again!



OBITUARY

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

*To Bro. Mon Tuazon and family for the passing of their mother
AMELIA CORPUS TUAZON
May 3, 1931 - January 14, 2026*



*To Sis Bicbic Gilbuena Ford and family
for the passing of their brother
MARLON GILBUENA
September 28, 1972 - January 28, 2026*

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

TREASURER'S REPORT *By Sis. Cory Alcantara*

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| 4. Amon, Ophel | 50. Maidin, Yusup |
| 5. Ang-Gayon, Melody | 51. Mansilla, Beeboy |
| 6. Angeles, Oscar | 52. Medina, Mishael |
| 7. Ansula, Bong | 53. Mendoza, Armando |
| 8. Aralar, Rhoderick | 54. Miranda, Michael |
| 9. Araneta, Carlo | 55. & Jemma*** |
| 10. Argonza, Arvin | 56. Ninofranco, Edgar |
| 11. Atangan, Chito | 57. Paggao, Jerome |
| 12. Atienza, Rennel | 58. Pangilinan, Angel |
| 13. & Daemma Mendez*** | 59. Paredes, Victor |
| 14. Atienza, Oscar | 60. Pastores, Alexander |
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| 17. Cajucom, Wilfredo | 63. Picazo, Cesar |
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| 26. Cordova, Jaime | 72. Sipin, Perry |
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| 30. De Vera, Armin | 76. Tecson, Edgardo |
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| 32. Emperado, Rodelio | 78. Tuazon, Mon |
| 33. Fajardo, Marilou | 79. Umandal, Ruel |
| 34. Fajota, Nestor | 80. Valera, Liza |
| 35. Fisico, Teodoro | 81. Ventura, Beatriz |
| 36. Galang, Emma | 82. Yambot, Ferdie |
| 37. Gopez, Bernardo | 83. Yenke, Rene |
| 38. Guerrero, Mark | |
| 39. Javierto Mandy | |
| 40. Jove, Nestor | |
| 41. & Shirley*** | |
| 42. Jovelanos, Joseph | |
| 43. & Hazel Hermoso*** | |
| 44. Junio, Virgil | |
| 45. Languisan, Paul | |
| 46. Lautchang Wilson | |

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* *New members*

** *Paid extra year*

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- 07 - Jeffrey Gomez
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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us on our 2nd GMM of the year!
February 21, 2026
3 PM - Socials
5 PM - GMM
at Bro Nestor & Shirley Jove's Home
68058 Madrid Road
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LA MARATHON SERVICE

Water Station - Mile 13

March 8, 2026

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