

People and Events

THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 5 | Friday

Simbang Gabi sa Katedral Dinner Dance

Everyone is invited to come and just have fun on September 5 at 7pm 'til 12MN, Our Lady Of Pompei Church Father Demo Hall (25 Carmine St. corner Bleecker St. (A,B,C,D,E,F,V to W.4th/PATH Christopher St.). \$20 for Admission. This event is also being held to celebrate the birthday of Fr. Joseph Marabe, the SGsK over-all chairman. Contact Cora Rivera at (917) 751 8851.

Big Town Hall Meeting to Support Filipino Veteran Bill

The Philippine Consulate General at New York and the National Federation of Filipino American Association (NaFFAA) Region-I rally the Filipino-American community in the Northeast to combine its efforts and campaign for congressional support for the Veterans Benefits Enhancement Act better known as the Filipino Veterans Equity Bill. Come to the Rally at the Philippine Center 556 Fifth Ave. New York (Kalyaan Hall) this 5th of September, 6:30 pm to learn the mechanics of this one big push!

For more information, please contact the Philippine Consulate General New York, Information Section at 212 764 1330 ext. 601; email: newyork@pcgny.net

September 6 | Saturday

Hawaiian Luau Dinner Dance

Pan American Concerned Citizens Action League, Inc. cordially invites you to a Hawaiian Luau Dinner Dance on September 6 at Our Lady of Mercy church Marian Hall (40 Sullivan Drive Jersey City, NJ 07304), 6pm. Attire: Hawaiian. Donation: \$25.

For more information, contact: Betty Buenviaje 201 860 9445, Roger Contawe 201 736 8637, Rudy Nicolas 201 988 1799, Edgar Rosales 201 659 2523, Marilou Songco 201 388 0109, Virgie Alvarez 201 283 4381, Helen Santillan 201 432 2318, Rose Javier 201 993 8815, Linda Mayo 201 388 1260, Zeny Valerio 201 333 4928.

Mass Celebration for San Lorenzo Ruiz

There will be a mass celebration for the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz and the 8th Anniversary of the Filipino Diocese Apostolate on Sept. 6, 6pm at Saint Bridget Church, Brooklyn NY. Take the L or M train and get off at Myrtle/Wyckoff Ave.

For more info. contact Carmen Polygach at 718 821 1320 or 718 496 6824, Emma Padiernos 718 574 0865, Msrg. James Kelly 718 821 1690.

Sept. 8 | Monday

United Nations Staff Recreation Council/ Philippine Cultural Society invites you to a Filipino Food Festival, DC1-Staff Lounge, 3rd floor, UN on Sept. 8, 11am-2pm. Come and enjoy Philippine delicacies at your fingertips! Proceeds to benefit typhoon victims in the Philippines. Contact: Vivian Talambiras-Cruz at cruzv@un.org (212-963-0971) or Rose Gaddi at rose.gaddi@undp.org (212-906-5124).

September 14 | Sunday

Kulay Rosas, race for the cure

Join the Kulay Rosas Team of Fil-American women and men as the group enters its 8th year with the premier event in NYC of the largest grassroots network of survivors and supporters focused on fighting breast cancer and raising awareness, the Komen Race for the Cure. Pledge online NOW, walk on Sept. 14 at Central Park with thousands of others and be seen on TV, or do both! For website and other information, please contact Robert P. De Tagle, robnewyork@gmail.com, 201-434-1964.

September 19 | Friday

Ateneo Chamber Singers Benefit Concert

The Ateneo Chamber Singers will have a benefit concert, Umawit sa Kagalakan: An evening of classical and spiritual songs Our Lady of Pompei Church, 25 Carmine St. @ Bleecker, West Village, NYC (Subway to West 4th St., Christopher St.; Path to 9th) on Sept. 19, 7:30 pm.

The winners at the Tolosa, Spain choral competition in their 2nd US tour perform for one night only. Tickets at \$20 (\$25 at gate), Carlo Zenarosa at 914.619.7346, or email E2Comm,phil sourcing@gmail.com.

September 20 | Saturday

Simbang Gabi sa Katedral's Atlantic City Fun Run

Everyone is invited to come and join the trip to Atlantic City on September 20- 7:30am assembly at the Greyhound Bus Area, NYC Port Authority 41st. and 8th Ave. \$40 per person. Contact Nory Teruel (212) 421 3134 or (917) 860 0987.

Marinduquenos In The Eastern Seaboard USA To Celebrate Its 25th Year

The Marinduquenos of the Eastern Seaboard of America (MESA) will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on September 20, 2008; Saturday with a Dinner Dance at Newark International Airport Marriott Hotel.

Steve Sosa, the current MESA President, explains that its celebration will highlight the milestone projects it has continuously supported since its founding in 1983 namely: Providing college scholarship to deserving poor students in the island province, the Pre-school children program (Marinducare Foundation's Punla Ng Karunungan), and its continued participation in 6 Medical Missions to the impoverished towns of the remote island.

MESA, which comprises the families of Marinduquenos in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania will also salute its past presidents and outstanding members with the attendance of Marinduquenos from MD, VA, Washington, DC, the West Coast, Canada regions, Midwestern States, Texas and the Gulf States.

For inquiries: Please call Jorge Bunag 7322496937, Rey Muhi 7328272905, Al Molato 7327274923, Thelma Santos 7324061487 or Dr. Mary Ann R. Curiba 7325742194.

Maharajah USA, Inc.

Macabebe Association of the Eastern Seaboard's 30th Anniversary Grand Ball



Miss Maharajah USA 2008, Wynona Luz



Board Members of Maharajah USA



Consul General Cecilia Rebong accepting donations for "Project Tulong".



2008 President and Chief Executive Officer, Anthony Joseph Yabut.



Officers and members of Maharajah USA

Kulay Rosas, Asul at Berde for the Cure

IT started in 2000, when Mae Palaci De Tagle and her sister Nini Garcia walked with thousands of others at the Komen New York City Race for the Cure at Central Park in Manhattan.

Today, eight years later, what would become the Kulay Rosas Team of Filipino-Americans continues to march every September, with the transition to cooler air and brilliantly hued leaves, in the fight against breast cancer. (The event was suspended in 2001 in the aftermath of 9/11.)

This year, on Sunday morning, September 14, 2008, the Kulay Rosas team again participates in the Race for the Cure, along with over 20,000 others. They encourage others in the community to join the effort by registering NOW to join the walk on Sept. 14 or by pledging online in support of the team.

Kulay Rosas refers to the Pink Ribbon that is used as an icon of the breast cancer survivors and their supporters; the team name is from the Tagalog terms 'Kulay,' meaning 'color,' and 'Rosas' (derived from Spanish) that means 'pink.' In a word, The Color Pink.

So visit komennyc.org <http://www.komennyc.org/>, click on Race for the Cure on the left, and then on the next screen, Join a Race Participant; type on the TEAM field "Kulay Rosas" and either register

as a team member (and get a free t-shirt) or support the team with an online pledge.

The team was conceived by Mae and her Ateneo college friend Emily Evangelista-Osmond, and has included friends and associates from all over the tri-state area, including those from other universities and schools in the Philippines, such as UP, La Salle, and Maryknoll —and even their kids. Hence, Kulay Rosas, Asul at Berde, at iba pa.

It takes a network

Breast cancer is a terrible diagnosis, and the stages from acceptance to treatment and recovery can be very lonely, whether that's mastectomy, lumpectomy, reconstructive surgery, radiation or chemotherapy. That's why it's very important to have family and friends support the patient, and why, as they say, it takes a network.

And that network can comprise colleagues who have survived breast cancer; or those who support and sustain those survivors; or those who remember the one stricken and no longer with us, like Susan Komen herself, whose death led her sister to launch in 1982 what would become the Komen for the Cure.

According to the Komen Foundation, one of every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. (Though



Kulay Rosas team participants at the 2007 Komen Race for the Cure at Central Park.

Photo by R. P. DeTagle

it's still in the main a woman's disease, breast cancer does also afflict men.)

"But you can help these women and thousands of others, including underserved women in our own community," according to the Kulay Rosas team appeal. "Every step counts!"

The 5 kilometers /3 miles go by just like that, as one enjoys a stroll in Central Park. And it feels awesome to be part of the premier NYC event for this largest grassroots-focused initiative that is dedicated to supporting breast cancer awareness and fundraising to find a cure, and to drive early detection among women (and men).

Last year, the Komen New York organization funded \$3.2 million in projects, and over the years the national organization has invested

over \$1 billion in research and outreach programs.

Touchdown for the Cure

A couple of years ago, Mae and I also participated in a Komen Day fund drive with the New York Jets football team on a windy fall day at Giants Stadium, during which the whole contingent collected over \$16,000 from Jets (and Tampa Bay) fans in one day, what Mae termed a "Touchdown for the Cure."

Didi Ang joined the team in 2007, and this year is eager to sign up again.

"I never knew of this event before, and now I'm telling my friends all about this important campaign," says Didi.

For more info, please email phil sourcing@gmail.com <mailto:phil sourcing@gmail.com>, or call 201.434.1964.

Federation of Philippine Societies' 38th Year Anniversary and Coronation Ball



Evelyn de Guzman, Nemia Lacebal, Rev. Gaudencio Soriano, Dr. Ellice Flores



(clockwise from L-R) Raul Estrellado, Medy Taea, Rene Ballenas, Nor Martinez, Jenny Vi Niguidula, Cheng Pingo



Deputy Consul General Millie S. Thomeczek, Jun Policarpio, Nemia Lacebal, Joji Jalandoni



(clockwise from L-R) Nida Cortez, Angie Molina, Dahlia Aman, Rod dela paz, Consul General Thomeczek, Francis Sison, Joji Jalandoni, Rene Ballenas, Rev. Gaudencio Soriano



Oscar Rebong, Nemia Lacebal, Consul General Cecilia R. Rebong, Elvira Reyes, Joji Jalandoni, Orlin Eija Santos, Dr. Ellice Flores



Bishop Arnold Cabalquinto, Jun Policarpio, Rev. Gaudencio Soriano, Angel Cuevas, FOPSNJ President Dan De Guzman

Project Tulong to help Typhoon Frank victims

Come and join us for a Charity Golf Event for the benefit of Project Tulong to help the victims of Typhoon Frank in collaboration with the Home-Reach Foundation, Inc. and the Consulate General of the Philippines, New York on October 5, 2008 at 11 am. The event will be held at the Pine Ridge Golf Club located at 2 Golf Course Drive, Coram, N.Y. 11727 Tel. (631) 331-7930. Shotgun starts at 1pm. Reservations are on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis, and there are a limited number of slots available.

Registration, lunch and program begin at 11am. Golfer includes check in & bag service, lunch and 18 holes of golf with cart, free sleeve of balls, practice range, dinner awards, trophies and prizes. The net proceeds of the event will be donated to the families and victims of Tropical Cyclone "Frank."

For more information, please call Robert Zarate (631) 816-4372; Dr. Edgar Lerias (631) 697-2830; Ramon Villongco (631) 742-3479; Dr. Pepe Recitas (516) 603-8751; Nemia Lacebal (973) 338-1204; Nena Lozada Kaufman (917) 582-1212; Dan De Guzman (973) 768-5677; Bill Rebong (917) 902-2408; Linda Pelayo (212) 967-5784; Nelson Perez (646) 387-8522; Andy Zapata (551) 404-2552 or Philippine Consulate General at (212) 764-1330 ext. 306 or 310.

You can also email Robert Zarate at zaraterobert@hotmail.com or visit our website at www.projecttulong.com