

People and Events

Southern California Filipino Dental Society Inaugural Ball

ON March 21, 2009, the Southern California Filipino Dental Society will hold its bi-annual Inaugural Ball, which will be held at the Hilton, Glendale at 6:00 p.m.

The Southern California Filipino Dental Society was organized 43 years ago with the vision of helping young aspiring dental students financially through their scholarship programs and giving FREE Dental Clinic to different underserved areas in the Philippines, through their annual Dental Mission Program. So far their group have sponsored and produced hundreds of successful dentists and have helped thousands of underprivileged Filipinos with their dental needs. Locally, the organization is also involved in advancing continuing education for Filipino doctors in the area and helping dentists working on their licensure here in the United States.

This March 21st event promises to be a fun-filled evening with the new batch of officers being inducted to different positions, which will then be followed by ballroom dancing, raffles and entertainment.

The new officers of SCFDS 2009-2011, that will be inducted during the night of this event are as follows

Dr. Renato Calugcugan - President
 Dr. Harley Orzame - 1st Vice President
 Dr. Jackie Del Rosario - 2nd Vice President
 Dr. Victor Rosales - Secretary
 Dr. Hercules Real - Asst. Secretary
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Board of Directors

Dr. Armaine De Vela
 Dr. Mary Satuito
 Dr. Loida Parungao
 Dr. Estela Avendano
 Dr. Orlando Cagatao
 Dr. James Young

So, don't miss this exciting event. Reserve your ticket now by calling (323) 664-0777. Proceeds of this event will go to benefit the organization and the thousands of Filipinos that they will be visiting on their next Dental Mission scheduled within this year and aspiring and talented dental students. ■

Consular outreach at Seafood City North Hills

Saturday, March 21
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

LOS ANGELES - A team from the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles will be conducting a Consular Outreach Program in North Hills, California on 21 March 2009 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm at the Seafood City Supermarket, 16130 Nordhoff St., North Hills, CA 91343.

This outreach program is being undertaken in cooperation with Seafood City under Mr. Tony Castro and 3MCPlus Team composed of Charina Carrera, Elgin Zulueta and Maita Miyake with the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce, San Fernando Valley (FACCsfv) as the Fil-Am sponsoring organization.

The following Consular services will be rendered:

1. Applications for Machine Readable Passport (Cost: \$50) and returned to the applicant by mail at an additional cost of \$6.

2. Applications for the retention and re-acquisition of Philippine citizenship pursuant to Republic Act 9225 or the Dual Citizenship Law (Cost: \$50). Oath-taking will be scheduled on the same day for qualified applicants.

3. Overseas Absentee Voting (OAV) Registration. (Gratis)

The Consulate will only accept payments in cash, postal money order or cashier's check. Personal checks will not be accepted.

Application forms and requirements can be downloaded from the Consulate's website at www.philippineconsulatela.org.

Outreach guidelines

In view of the anticipated high volume of applicants and in order to ensure an orderly flow of operations, this Consular outreach shall be guided by the following:

1. All Applicants for any of the above consular services are requested to set up an appointment with the Consulate, not later than 18 March 2009, either through fax at (213) 639-0990, or through email at losangelespcg@earthlink.net.

2. Passport Applicants should send an advance copy of their passport application forms and data page (bearing the name and photo) of their passports to the Consulate (Attn: Seafood City Outreach) either by fax or by email. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

3. Dual Citizenship Applicants should send an advance copy of their application forms and supporting documents to the Consulate (Attn: Seafood City Outreach). Incomplete forms will not be processed.

4. OAV Registrants should also send an advance copy of their application forms and supporting documents to the Consulate (Attn: Seafood City Outreach). Incomplete forms will not be processed.

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5. Confirmed appointments of all applicants will be posted at the Consulate's website (www.philippineconsulatela.org) by 18 March 2009. Personal appearance is required for all applicants.

6. While walk-in applicants will also be entertained, priority will be given to those with confirmed appointments with the Consulate, as posted in the website. All walk-in applicants are advised to transact their business directly with Consulate officials and not through travel agencies. Walk-in applicants are by definition those who did not pass through travel agencies.

For general information, interested parties may wish to call:

Vice Consul Ruel U. Gunabe of the Consulate

1-213-637-3020 | losangelespcg@earthlink.net

Ms. Charina Carrera of 3MCplus

1-818-815-9400 | charina@3mcplus.com

Additional information on MRP

For the information of the public, the Philippine Embassy and Consulates General in the U.S. started to accept and to process applications for Machine Readable Passports (MRP) on June 2, 2008. This is in compliance with the requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for its member states, including the Philippines, to issue MRPs not later than 1 April 2010.

Since applications received by the Philippine Foreign Service Posts in the U.S. will be sent to the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila via diplomatic pouch, it will take six weeks for a passport to be released to the applicants, from the time the application is accepted. Personal appearance for all will be required for data verification, fingerprinting and signature capture. Applications by mail will no longer be accepted.

In compliance with the new photo requirements for the MRP, applicants are requested to visit the Consulate's website.

While some countries may still honor valid green Philippine passports beyond 1 April 2010 as bona fide travel documents until they expire, most countries will require travelers to hold either MRP or e-Passport for their sojourn by 2010.

Thus, all Filipinos, including those with valid green passports, are therefore encouraged to apply for their machine readable passports as early as possible. ■

Silver Lake Medical Center set to open and serve

AMOR Hayner, who is Physician Liaison for Silver Lake Medical Center, paid a courtesy call to Consul General Mary Jo A. Bernardo Aragon on March 09, 2009. She was with Rosalie Caratao (left) and Lita Filart, who are both active in community events.

ConGen Aragon was invited by Hayner on behalf of the Silver Lake Medical Center's new management headed by its CEO, Steve Popkin, to participate on March 25th on the occasion of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony announcing the opening of the medical and surgical facility to the various communities it will serve. It has its Downtown Campus which is located at 1711 W. Temple St., in Los Angeles, right in the heart of Historic Filipino Town and its Ingleside Campus, located at 7500 East Hellman Avenue in Rosemead.

Silver Lake Medical Center, now completely under new ownership and management, has a total capacity of 217 beds between its 2 locations. It is a community-based medical and surgical hospital that has passed its joint commission accreditation. The Temple Street facility is west of downtown Los Angeles, conveniently adjacent to FWY 101. Silver Lake offers in-patient medical and surgical services as well as a wide array of outpatient services including: same-day surgery, radiology, laboratory services, cardio diagnostics, GI lab, physical rehabilitation and a 24-hour Urgent Care Center. It also offers several specialty programs including Occupational Medicine Center, Spinal Surgery and a Behavioral Health Unit.

An attached medical office building is home to over 35 physician offices and specialty clinics. A retail pharmacy conveniently located on the ground floor can meet over-the counter and prescription medicine requirements. The hospital is readily accessible via public transportation with DASH and MTA stops right in front of it. FREE ample parking is available for visitors and patients.

Under new management and guided by a new philosophy of true community service, Silver Lake Medical Center intends to fully serve the health and medical needs of all the multicultural populations around its environs. It is a most welcome addition to the community. ■



(L-R) Rosalie Caratao, Amor Hayner who is Physician Liaison for Silver Lake Medical Center, Philippine Consul General Mary Jo A. Bernardo Aragon and Lita Filart. Hayner, on behalf of Silver Lake Medical Center CEO Steve Popkin, has invited ConGen Aragon to grace the occasion of the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony of the facility on March 25, 2009.

Getting ready for the Philippine Heritage Celebration at Walnut

WALNUT - The Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of San Gabriel Valley and Gospel Life Community Church joined hands to celebrate Philippine Heritage on June 13-14, 2009. A project team composed of members of the Chamber and Gospel Life was formed and the team immediately went into action by planning for the venue and the events for the celebration.

The celebration will be held at the 5 acre campus of Gospel Life

Community Church at 18901 E. Amar Road, Walnut, CA 91789. It will be a two day celebration on June 13 to 14, 2009. Filipino culture and heritage will be shown, displayed and demonstrated during the entire event.

FACC has sponsored this annual event since 1998 with the main support and participation of the Cities of West Covina and Walnut and Gospel Life Community Church. The project team is still seeking Filipino cultural groups and individuals who are

interested in participating in the event. Filipino singing, dancing, rondalla and martial arts groups are most welcome.

For more information contact any of the following by email:

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Ruby Dijamco - rubydijamco@aol.com

For more information go to: www.gospellifecommunity.org ■

What you need to know ...

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agency is in giving you a job before committing to one; try asking the number of placements they've had the past year. The best agencies are the ones that guarantee you a job, and actually get it for you.

Third, a good staffing agency is one that offers flexibility in terms of programs and types of placements. The more their options are, the more opportunities they can give you. Review the type of staffing positions they offer such as permanent, travel or per diem. Their variety of employment options equates to more possibilities for you career-wise.

Lastly, ensure that the healthcare staffing agency you're working with pays on time and provides benefits. An established agency definitely pays on time,

usually, via direct deposit. Typical benefits you should look for are health insurance and 401k options. Also, talk to them about salary increases and see if working with them actually elevates your chance of a progressing income.

There are a multitude of healthcare staffing agencies today, mainly because of the growing demand for healthcare professionals everywhere. As one of those in-demand individuals, you need to be able to partner with the right agency to get you to where you want to be. Your success as a nurse, therapist or allied health professional begins by choosing the right company that will guide and lead you to the job you've invested years of your life to get; this is why choosing the

right agency is crucial.

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Troubled business ...

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of a million dollars she spent on legal expenses, not to mention the potential devastation of bankruptcy. To her it is a miracle that her business is once again progressing now that such a heavy burden was lifted by adjusting the energies of herself and her environment.

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