

Rotary Club of Historic Filipinotown

THE Rotary Club of Historic Filipinotown, faithfully invites you to a Panel Discussion on the Last Days of Jesus on Earth. The Panel Discussion will be held during our Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, in the dining hall of the Silver Lake Medical Center (formerly City of Los Angeles Medical Center) located at 711 West Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90026. The club will gather at 6:30 PM for dinner fellowship, followed by the panel discussion at 7:00 PM. The Panel Discussion will be held on the following subject: The Meaning of Passover. Panelists: Rabbi Ronald Stern, Stephen F. Temple. The Trail of Jesus: The Transubstantiation - Fr. Matunog, JCL, Metro Tribunal. Office of Canonical Services - Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Physiology of the=0 A Crucifixion - Dr. Ben Marte, VP RCH-Death and Resurrection - Dr. Bert Wallace, Associate Pastor - First Baptist Church of Los Angeles. Views on the Afterlife - Rabbi Ronald Stern, Stephen F. Temple. An open forum will follow the discussions. This is an invitation to the community and an opportunity to participate in the first ever- interfaith dia-

logue to be convened by the Historic Filipinotown Rotary Club. Please contact Vice President Doc Ben Marte either by email at bmarte5644@sbcglobal.net or cell phone number at (213) 709-6688 for additional information and for dinner reservations at the Silver Lake Medical Center Café (full dinner cost - \$5.00). Some of the panelists will be featured for this event at the Kababayan LA Talk Show hosted by Ms. Janelle So on Channel 18, and slated for Monday, April 16 at 4:30pm. Chartered on February 12, 2007, the Rotary Club of Historic Filipinotown is committed to undertake community projects in the Historic Filipinotown and in the Philippines. Historic Filipinotown is adjacent to Downtown Los Angeles, and obtained its designation from the Los Angeles City Council on August 2, 2002. For more information on the projects and events of the club, please visit the following website: www.filipinotownrotary.org/ The Rotary Club of Historic Filipinotown welcomes all who share our ideal of "Service above self." ■

We need you for '2009 Alay kay Maria'

FOUR weeks and counting! Yes, just a little over a month before the 5th *Alay Kay Maria* celebration becomes a pleasant and memorable reality for all its participants! You have ever attended a May-crowning which is held annually at most Catholic Schools in the United States, the *Alay Kay Maria*: *Des de Mayo* at Santacruz is its archdiocesan-wide version. Each year in the archdiocese as well as each Filipino organization/group has given us their contact information) was invited to send a representative to participate in this offering to our Lady. In addition, a general invitation was sent out to all ladies who are Filipino, of Filipino descent, or is in any way "Filipinized" by affiliation or relationship through the generosity of our Filipino newspapers. Yes, the Filipino Ministry of Servant Leaders (FMCSL), in coordination with the Office of the Filipino Ministry in Los Angeles, has made sure that this annual celebration is open to all - both participants and attendees. In the past year, the FMCSL wooed several sponsors, or *Heranos Mayores*, to defray part of the cost for the participating schools. The applicants this year have fewer requirements to comply with since the Filipino Ministry's objective in holding this event is to promote one of the many time-honored Filipino traditions. The 2008 sponsors included Ms. Yolanda Morton (not in photo), Ms. Flor Meneses-Nowak and Clio & Laing Soriano.

This year, the top titles of Reyna Elena, Reyna Emperatriz, and Reina de las Flores are still competitive in nature. Another innovation this year is the tabloid-size supplement that will be published a week before the event. In this supplement, you will be able to read about the people behind *Alay kay Maria*, the faces of the participants of the course, our many supporters of the event. Well, it is not too late to join these ladies in processing down the aisle in representing the beloved women of both the Old and New Testaments. We still need more participants to portray a number of characters still available for the taking. Since the selection of characters is on a first-come/first-served basis, there is a great range of titles (titles) to choose from. Please do not hesitate to give us a call at 323-660-0745 or Minnie 818-985-8600 ext. 308) or email us at Robert@yahoo.com. Please join us at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels (555W. Temple Street, LA) on Saturday, May 9th, at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome! (- From T. Lee Giraldez) ■

St. Philomena celebrates 50th anniversary



St. Philomena school parents (jubilee committee) joined as they celebrate 50 years of existence. St. Philomena School is also a community that provides an environment in which students can develop spiritually, intellectually, socially, psychologically, physically, and aesthetically.



San Joseniens Sisters

San Joseniens of California



The San Joseniens of California, an organization of residents and former residents of San Jose, California, celebrated their town fiesta in honor of their Patron Saint Joseph last March in Bellflower, CA. A mass held at 11am, followed by parlor games and dancing. Posing for the photo of Patron Saint Joseph are: (L-R) Jim Yema, Joan Medina, Zeny Ramos, Josie Garcia, Nene Irlandez, Lina San Gil, Alice Puellas, Marcial Luna, Claudetta Atienza and

Protecting your child from poison

Tips and resources to help keep your child safe

SACRAMENTO - Each year, about 91,000 children suffer from accidental poisonings. While the majority of these cases are not fatal, they are avoidable. Knowing basic types of household poisons, and where they can be found in your home, is the first step to poison prevention.

Start by becoming familiar with different products in your home, as poisons may be hard to detect and come in a variety of forms. Focus on child-proofing key places that contain toxic materials. It's easier to do than you might think.

Poison Comes in Many Forms

To help you determine the types of poisons present in your own home, the following list includes four primary forms of poisons and provides some examples of each.

Liquid. Liquid medications and cleaning supplies such as bleach and laundry detergent are harmful if a child swallows them.

Solid. Medications in pill form can be toxic if a child swallows or chews them. Other common household items, such as soap, are hazardous to children if eaten.

Spray. Many cleaning products such as all-purpose cleaners come in spray bottles. Perfumes and pesticides can also be dangerous to a child.

Invisible. Lead and carbon monoxide are examples of invisible poisons that are common health hazards. Lead is found in dust from lead-based paint as well as in some toys. Carbon monoxide is emitted from cars, gas ovens and space heaters. To help reduce these poisons, make sure your home always gets enough fresh air. Also, consider installing a low-cost carbon monoxide detector that signals when levels are too high.

Danger Zones in Your Home

To safeguard your child against potential poisoning, start by focusing on a few important rooms in your home. Remember that most items are best kept out of sight and reach of your child.

Kitchen/Laundry Room. Keep household cleaners like dishwasher soap, detergent and oven cleaners in a cabinet with child-proof locks. If you store them in a cupboard, make sure they are high enough that children cannot reach them.

Bathroom. Cabinets and drawers may contain products like medication, vitamins, hair products, rubbing alcohol, and even nail polish that can be dangerous to children. Put them in the medicine cabinet only if it is out of reach. Otherwise, lock them in a cabinet or drawer.

Bedroom. Clear nightstand of medications or creams. Be cautious of where you leave your purse since it may contain many items that can be harmful to children if eaten, including cosmetics, lotions, medications, and cigarettes. Also, be aware of your child's toys since some may contain lead as well.

Garden. Many household and outdoor plants as well as fertilizers and pesticides can be poisonous. Keep plants above reach, and tell your child not to put plants in his or her mouth. Always look for plants that are not harmful like herbs, jasmine or roses. And after applying fertilizer, water and dry the lawn completely before letting your child play on the grass. Don't forget to always wash your hands after gardening.

Walls. Some older houses are painted with lead-based paint. Children can breathe the dust from this paint or swallow small flakes of paint. Test your home for lead to ensure your child is safe.

Resources Available to Help

Keep these resources nearby to help in the event of an accidental poisoning.

California Poison Action Line. If a child is not breathing after ingesting poison, call 911. If the child is alert, call the California Poison Action Line at 1-800-222-1222. Have as much information as possible available, like the name of the product and time of poisoning.

Kit for New Parents. This free resource, a \$75 value, includes instructional DVDs, guide books and helpful brochures with parenting information, advice and useful tips. The Kit also includes the California Poison Action hotline telephone number on a magnet to keep on the refrigerator door. To get your Kit, call 1-800-KIDS-025 or contact First 5 California.

Environmental Protection Agency. To learn about how to test your home for lead, call 1-800-424-LEAD or visit www.epa.gov/lead.

US Consumer Product Safety Commission. Call 1-800-638-2772 or visit www.cpsc.gov to get a list of toys that have been recalled due to lead and other hazards.

First 5 California encourages all parents to keep their children safe at home, and never underestimate their interest in many activities of the house. For more information on parenting resources or on First 5 California programs, please call 1-800-KIDS-025 for English assistance, 1-800-597-9366 for Chinese assistance, 1-800-597-9366 for Korean assistance or 1-800-597-9855 for Vietnamese assistance. They can also visit first5california.com. ■

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