

SOON TO OPEN IN CARSON!

# Blue Lotus Vietnamese Cuisine



There is a classy, authentic PHO restaurant soon to open in Carson right at the heart of the multicultural intersection of Main and Carson Streets. Completely redone and spruced up with new, inviting colors, beautiful landscaping and well-appointed architectural details in the choice of tiles and furnishings, Blue Lotus, located right at the corner, will become a favorite stop for many in the Filipino-American community that has a hankering and a taste for delicious Vietnamese cuisine. Its location is convenient and strategic with plenty of parking spaces.

PHO Vietnamese cuisine, which has strong French and Chinese influences, is usually a steaming bowl of white rice noodles in clear broth, with thinly sliced meats that can be eaten for breakfast, lunch or dinner. It is healthy, appealing, filling and satisfying. The broth may be made from beef, chicken and other assorted meats simmered in special seasonings while the noodles may be fresh or dried. Shrimp, seafood and tofu for vegetarians are some of the many other variations. Garnishes may include cilantro, holy basil, lime bean sprouts and many more. It is amazing how many varieties of PHO there are and how many in the community like this flavorful cuisine. While PHO is Blue Lotus' main attraction because of its popular appeal, there are many other dishes on the menu that many FilAms will enjoy.

The people behind Blue Lotus have been in the restaurant business for years and fully understand the needs of diners for great food, pleasurable ambience and friendly, efficient service.

Watch for the Grand Opening of the Blue Lotus Vietnamese Cuisine located at 21750 Main Street in Carson, CA 90475 with telephone numbers (310) 518-9538.\*

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# \$2.99 for 2009 Deals at Chowking

Chowking, the Philippines' leading Oriental fastfood chain, recently launched a new campaign showcasing its value menu selections.

"We aggressively rolled out our 2.99 for 2009 Campaign early this year...in response to the needs of our market. We want to show our customers that we're with them in these difficult times. This is why we are offering all these great choices at incredibly low prices. I mean, where can you get a Longanisa Meal or a Chicken Meal for just \$2.99?" said Andrew Quemuel, Chowking-US Operations Manager.

Another great thing is that Chowking also offers a wide variety of tempting items for breakfast, lunch, merienda and dinner - from its signature noodle soups, dimsum, rice meals, merienda as well as shakes and halo-halo.

Seasonal products are also introduced on a monthly basis so that customers will always find something new and exciting at Chowking. "New on the menu are the Seafood Meals, the Lumpia Especial (Fresh Spring Roll) and the Szechuan Crunchy Chicken," said Mr. Quemuel.

"But what has been gaining real popularity among our customers is our new Salo-Salo Set Meals. These are meal combinations that are good for 4 to 6 persons. Perfect for sharing with friends or family!" he explained.

To enjoy these delicious Chowking specials, visit any of its 16 locations in California and Nevada. In the Los Angeles County, outlets are in Carson/Phone (310) 835-7100, South St.-Cerritos/Phone (562) 924-5096, Norwalk Blvd.-Cerritos/Phone (562) 207-9505, Eagle Rock/Phone (323) 254-4566, North Hills/Phone (818) 830-0602, Panorama/Phone (818) 988-8374, Puente Hills Mall/Phone (626) 363-1977 and West Covina/Phone (626) 810-4511.\*

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The dinner dance will be for the benefit of the UPAPO ETAANA Foundation, Notre Dame of Manila Alumni Association and Honda of Pasadena's Tulong Foundation.

Let the AM FM Band bring you timeless memories through their music. The benefit dinner is open to the public. Tickets are at \$35 inclusive of a sumptuous 10-course dinner.

The AM FM Band is Ellery A on vocals, keyboards and arrangements; Freddie "Boogie" on lead guitar; Benjie B on Vocals and small percussion; Mariela H on lead vocals; Winston O on vocals and small percussion; Roy D on bass guitar; Pabby L on vocals and drums and Haley Blackman as sound engineer.

For booking, please contact Ellery B. Atienza at (323) 497-3492 or Teddy Henares at (909) 815-8334.\*

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honor groups and Orange County Junior Orchestra. He has also been playing with the Sta. Maria Wind Ensemble in which his dad conducts. He is currently attending John F. Kennedy High School and is participating in the school's marching band, jazz, band, concert band, and wind ensemble. During his first year at this school, he was the principal trombone for the wind ensemble and concert band. As a sophomore in high school, he was chosen as the trombone section leader in the marching

band and became lead trombone in the school's jazz band. He has been recognized as the most outstanding brass player in his school's band for two years in a row.

Ralph Joseph is currently in 11th grade. Aside from playing in his school bands, he is also a member of the Filipino American Symphony Orchestra where he plays third trombone and the Sta. Maria Wind Ensemble.

# Father...

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Symphony Orchestra performing the Haydn Concerto.

In 2003, he began studying with premier trumpet player, Darren Mulder. Under Darren, he accomplished one of the highest achievements for a trumpet player in high school by taking the principal chair in the All-Southern California School Band Association. Nino has also studied under Rob Frear while attending California State University, Long Beach.

He currently plays with the Global Symphonic Band and is the principal trumpet player

for the newly formed Filipino-American Symphony Orchestra (FASO). Recently, he has been studying under his godfather Edwin De Leon, master sergeant of the US Army, in the hope of someday following his footsteps in playing for the US Army Band.

### Ralph Joseph Buan -playing the trombone

The youngest son of Noel Buan, Ralph Joseph (RJ) began playing the trombone at the age of 10, learning from his dad. During his first year of playing the trombone, RJ was selected to play for his school district's honor band in Laguna Niguel, California. He attended Walker Junior High in La Palma, California ranking at the top of his section in his school's advanced band.

At the age of 13, RJ became more active in music, auditioning for and being accepted in SCSBOA's

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