

People and Events

Pasadena Fire Chief commends Filipino nurse

REGISTERED Nurse Vida Arevalo of Golden Cross Healthcare received a commendation from Pasadena Fire Chief Dennis J. Downs for her "outstanding work in providing an extraordinary level of care to her patients" and acting as an "advocate for the many patients who have no one to speak for them."

Firefighter/Paramedics who respond to calls from the facility find their job made more efficient and less time-consuming through the sterling teamwork of Ms. Arevalo, her Certified Nursing Assistants, Licensed Vocational Nurses, Registered Nurses, and other employees. Responding paramedics discover that the healthcare workers have already triaged the patients, initiated appropriate therapeutic intervention, stabilized their medical condition and made them transport-ready as well as transport-worthy. And, the patient's medical chart and paperwork has been completed for the receiving institution.

The time-tested leadership of Ms. Arevalo inspires these exemplary and professional services delivered at Golden Cross – a 99-bed skilled nursing facility located at 1450 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena.

This is not the first time that this institution and its personal were given recognition by the government. In 2002, the State of California Department of Health Services selected Golden Cross Healthcare to receive a Monetary Quality Award. Each direct care employee received \$1,500.00 cash bonus.

The Quality Award is based on criteria established by DHS at the direction of Legislation (Assembly Bill 1731) that added Health and Safety Code § 1417.4. Among others, the criteria met by the facility included substantial compliance with Federal certification standards with no federal deficiencies with a scope and severity 4 notches lower than perfect and no administrative penalties that called for fines of \$1,000.00 or more.

During a recent visit, DHS Health Facilities Inspectors saw for themselves an awe-inspiring Elderly Abuse In-Service Program – an erudite yet practical teaching series created and applied in the Golden Cross facility.

Ms. Vida Arevalo was the only nurse and the only Filipino among the awardees of the Pasadena Fire Department in a formal luncheon held last April 28, 2009 at Pasadena's landmark - The Langham, Huntington Hotel & Spa. ■



Golden Cross Healthcare Officials from L to R: Golden Cross Administrator Jose F. Arevalo, President/CEO Marlene Z. Robertson, Medical Records Department Head Tess Villamil, Dietary Department Head Ms. Flor Limas, Vida and Fire Chief Dennis J. Downs.

Lou Razon-Chua creations to adorn 111th Philippine Independence Day Santacruznan

THE exquisite Filipiniana creations of designer Lou Razon-Chua will adorn key Santacruznan revelers during the 111th Philippine Independence Day Grand Ball at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel on June 13, 2009.

Razon-Chua, whose early career in fashion roots from Filipiniana-inspired couture, feels honored to be able to showcase traditional Filipino wear with a medley of modern influence.

According to Razon-Chua, traditional Filipino wear has truly evolved from what it used to be – in cut, style and use of fabric.

Razon-Chua, however, keeps her interpretation of Filipiniana wear true to the beloved classics, though she adds twists of modern details.

For instance, she weaves in a more contemporary feel to a classic terno by utilizing fabric other than the traditional piña and adding embellishments such as lace, embroidery and beadwork.

She also applies a color scheme of vibrant, metallic colors such as copper, orange, silver, platinum, red wine, grey and magenta.

For the 111th Independence Day Santacruznan at the Bonaventure, Razon-Chua is designing the traditional metiza ball gown of Reyna Elena Tracy Liquigan.

Razon-Chua describes this particular Reyna Elena ensemble as an intricate creation involving embroidered silk tafetta with



matching draped skirt.

"This is a salute to our modern terno," says the designer.

Razon-Chua's Barong Tagalog collection will also be donned by male participants of the June 13 Grand Ball, particularly celebrity guest performer Raymond Bagatsing.

To learn more about Lou Razon-Chua's Filipiniana creations, please call 818-242-2088. Or visit Lou Razon-Chua's online gallery at www.lourazon.com.

Lou Razon-Chua also specializes in custom bridal and special occasion formal wear. Her main showroom is located on 309 West Broadway St. Glendale, CA 91204.

Catch a glimpse of Lou Razon-Chua's 111th Philippine Independence Day Filipiniana creations at the grand ball on Saturday, June 13, at the Bonaventure in Downtown LA.

The celebration's executive

committe grand chairman Darna Umayam and her proactive team members such as Rico and Mel Campano and Eli D. Umayam, among others, have been working 'round-the-clock to bring forth an excellent Independence Day salute that FilAms in Los Angeles can proudly partake in.

Dignitaries from the Philippines such as Senator Francis "Chiz" Escudero and Energy Secretary Angelo Reyes are expected to attend the grand ball as guests of honor.

An attendance of around 2,000 is predicted for the grand ball. Tickets are on sale for \$59-apiece.

The 111th Independence Day celebration 2009 kicks off on July 7 with the golf tournament.

A two-day invitational shoot fest is also slated for June 13 and 14. For more information, please call (323) 258-4879 or contact the Philippine Consulate General LA. ■

Invitation to the GK 2024 Global Summit

Boston, Massachusetts, June 12- 14

GAWAD Kalinga invites you to the first Gawad Kalinga 2024 Global Summit, a historic initiative that will take place in Boston, Massachusetts on June 12- 14, 2009 dedicated to the eradication of poverty in the Philippines and other developing countries.

Since its launching as a patriotic Filipino movement for nation building in 2003, Gawad Kalinga has successfully brokered private and public partnerships, bridged friendships between Muslims and Christians, and fostered collaboration among Catholic lay organizations. Due to its transformative impact, both on the poor and the rich alike, it has a growing global base of over 1 million volunteers.

We want to share the GK way with like-minded global citizens to help expand our work. Through the GK 2024 Global Summit, we hope to achieve the following goals:

To proclaim the resolve of Filipinos to end poverty of the five million poorest families in the country by 2024, following the twenty one year timeline and template of Gawad Kalinga. This is the coming out party in the most credible academic setting in the world of Filipinos who share the dream of a

prosperous nation that they can build together.

To launch Gawad Kalinga as a global template of social development consistent with the UN Millennium Development Goals. We will showcase the best practices of Gawad Kalinga in the Philippines and abroad and recognize partners from government, business, and civil society. Outstanding governors and mayors will present their development plans to build trust, attract grants and investments, and encourage tourism in their respective areas.

To honor outstanding GK partners starting with the GK village builders of North America, who have made heroic sacrifices to grow the Gawad Kalinga movement and to attract more patriots and partners to our cause of nation-building and building a better world.

We would like to invite you to this gathering of GK patriots and friends. To register and for more information, please visit www.gawadkalinga.org/globalsummit or call 714 906 1488 and look for Che Mari

We look forward to the sharing and shaping of our collective dream of a Philippines that every Filipino can be proud of. ■



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Quirino High School Batch 1975 Reunion

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