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Filipino-American Associations in America

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## Atimonan Circle of Southern California (ACSC)

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ACSC (Atimonan Circle of Southern California) was founded in 1981 by two Atimonanins residing in West Covina, California by the name of Tatoy Altamira Benaraw and Teresita Mapaye Domingo. With a goal in mind to connect every Atimonanin in the area, they started calling fellow kababayans they know living in the Southland, from San Bernardino County, Orange County, LA County, San Diego, and even as far as to the North of California. In order to pull them together in one place, they decided to have an annual picnic that coincides with the celebration of the town fiesta in Atimonan, which is usually either the last Sunday of July or first Sunday of August. The get-together is a potluck, so most of the attendees brought one main dish, rice, dessert, fruits and beverages. The picnic is a whole day affair in a park, usually starts at 10:00 am until sunset. There are games with prizes for the winners, singing, dancing, eating, picture taking, old picture swapping and most of all the "kwentuhan". In this occasion, Atimonanins and their families from different parts of California are brought together to experience once a year the feeling of being "home" away from home.

bigger, officers were appointed/elected, dinner/dances were hosted and objectives were outlined. The first appointed president of ACSC is Loloy Romualdo, followed by the first elected president, Benny Parco, then by Tatoy Altamira Benaraw, Alex Astretra, Peter Amador, Caruso Altamira Alvarez and currently by Alfredo Garaniel.

During the past 25 years, Atimonan Circle has helped several students in Atimonan in the forms of scholarship; donated the Health Center to the community, computer for the central public school, speedboat for law enforcement and library for Atimonan Central School II.

ACSC has hosted several dinner/dances to commemorate the organization's anniversaries, to induct new officers, to celebrate the coronation of our very own Miss Atimonan and her court, and to raise funds at the same time. ACSC Officers for 2007-2009

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## The power of a bright smile is within reach at Gentle Care Dental

IT IS common knowledge that a bright smile is a powerful tool, no matter what industry you belong to—whether in sales, public relations, education or the information technology. Even the customer service agents who rarely have face-to-face encounters with their clients are encouraged to smile while talking on the phone, believing that a smile transcends phone lines and all, proving that a bright smile goes a long way indeed. A lot of things ride on the power of a smile, and this is the reason why quality dental care should not be taken for granted.

Quality dental care is exactly what you'll get at Gentle Care Dental, a dental clinic located at the South Bay area which is jointly owned by dental health practitioners Dr. Diana Simbol and Dr. Maritess Tinoco. Both Diana and Maritess have had 26 years of dental health professional experience between them to provide the best dental care for the Fil-Am community in the area.

As students taking up dentistry at the Centro Escolar University (CEU) in Mendiola, Manila, Diana and Maritess formed a wonderful friendship and eventually decided to practice dentistry in the US in the mid '90s, with one leaving shortly ahead of the other. Both promptly took the review board exams to acquire their professional licenses. After obtaining a good amount of experience working in big, corporate-owned dental

companies for a period of time, the two best friends agreed to pursue their dream of establishing their own dental practice. From then on, the two never looked back.

Filipinos have always been known give careful consideration to the products and services they will stay loyal to, especially when it comes to dental care as this is normally on a long-term basis. That is why Diana and Maritess made it a point to build their professional practice as something that sets them apart by the quality of rigorous, gentle care and personal and individualized service that they offer, thereby earning reputation and a long list of referrals and recommendations from the Fil-Am community in the process.

Gentle Care Dental services include bonding, bridges, crowns, fillings, oral surgery, orthodontics, porcelain veneers and teeth whitening procedures. As part of its "Welcome Kababayan Program" for new patients, Gentle Care Dental is giving a 10% discount for those who will have their first treatment at the clinic. A free battery-operated toothbrush await new patients as well. There is truly a lot to smile about at Gentle Care Dental.

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