

# People and Events

## CALLING ALL PANGASINENSES IN AMERICA!

# Help typhoon victims in Pangasinan

IF there ever is a time that Pangasinan needs your help, it is now!

Typhoon "Pepeng" has submerged most of our beloved province, Pangasinan, and more than two million people have been affected by the flooding, which was worsened by the discharge of excess water from dams already brimming from recent heavy rains.

Pangasinan Gov. Amado Espino appealed for outside help, even as Vice Gov. Marlyn Primicias said she was getting frantic text messages from residents asking to be rescued, adding: "Eastern Pangasinan has become one big river." Thousands of people were forced to seek refuge at the SM department store in Carmen, Rosales as they were prevented from wading into the raging floods.

All the towns were affected but those that have been severely devastated were Rosales, Bautista, Alcala, Bayambang, Sto. Tomas, Urbiztondo, San Manuel, Calasiao, Tayug, Asingan, Natividad, Sta. Maria, Villasis, Mapandan, Binalonan, Tayug, Laoac, Pozurrobio, Sison, San Fabian, Basista, San Jacinto, Aguilar, San Quintin, Umangan, Sta. Barbara, Balungao, Manaog and the provincial capital of Lingayen. The Ambayaoan Bridge in San Nicolas collapsed, as did the dike in Bued River in San Fabian. The Sison Bridge going to the town of Rosario in La Union also collapsed.

Mely Cerame, president of the Pangasinan Brotherhood, USA in Southern California, announced that all those in Southern Cali-

fornia who want to help the victims may drop off or send their donations to Gil Maslang, 10415 Chaney Ave Downey CA 90241. Contact numbers for Gil Maslang are 562-861-0320 and 562-286-2121.

For those who are in Northern California, the United Pangasinanes of America is coordinating the relief efforts. Drop-off point is at 5028 A Mission St SF CA 94112. For more details, you may contact, Ernie Abalos, president, 650-0892-3500; or Chris Torres, Vice President, 650-291-1975; and Violeta Abad, Secretary, 415-994-1919.

All donations will surely go to the towns where you want them to go. Among the charitable organizations which will accept the donations and give them to the victims in Binalonan, Pangasinan is the Catholic Women's League of Binalonan. For more information for Binalonan donations in Southern California, please call Amelia 'Baby' Arichea, president of Binalonan Association of Southern California at 818-590-1932. For Los Osos/San Luis Obispo area, please call Dick Pacoan at 805-440-3859.

Victims need clothes, canned goods, bed sheets, towels, shoes and other basic items to help them rebuild their lives. This "Help Pangasinan" Relief Program is a joint effort of Asian Journal Foundation, Inc., Pangasinan Brotherhood, USA and United Pangasinanes Association, Inc. ■



The family and friends celebrated the 50th birthday of Romeo Lumantas at their residence in Corona California last September 26 with a dinner dance. Photo shows are the following:- The celebrant, Romeo with wife Jackie Lumantas, Tito Famacion, Leonito & Elsa Lumantas, Marites Famacion, Avelina Agunod & Atty. Ricardo Lumantas.



## MARIAN SCHOOL OF NURSING CLASS OF 1978

What: Class Reunion, Get-Together (After 31 years)

When: November 19, 20, 21, 2009

Where: **Get - Together on Nov. 19 - Bernabe's Residence**

30403 Bercors St.

Murietta, CA 92563

(All day affair starting from 9:00 am)

Contact: Pat Delavin

Email: patdelavin2003@yahoo.com

Phone: (626) 463-3233

**Dinner - Dance on Nov. 20 - Embassy Suites**

900 e. Birch St.

Brea, CA

Attire: Semi-Formal/Formal

Time: 5:00 pm - 1:00 am

Contact: Roselyn Talao Rosario

Email: roscyltalao Rosario@yahoo.com

Phone: (323) 459-8756

Jesusa Torres Laurel

Email: susielalaur@yahoo.com

Phone: (323) 930-9109

Nov. 21 - No plans yet, but any suggestions are welcome.

**For more details: Join class Yahoo group:  
marianitesnrsgclass78@yahoogroups.com**

## Local Knights Of Columbus mobilizes aid to flood victims

THE Knights of Columbus, St. Genevieve Council 14772, based in Panorama City, California, has mobilized a disaster relief campaign codenamed: Operation Relief, to aid the victims of Typhoon Ondoy (International Designation: Ketsana) that devastated the Metropolitan Manila area and nearby provinces with its worst flooding in recent history. Despite a short ramp-up time, the project quickly gained momentum as it struck a nerve with the local community. The relief effort, thus far, has been able to collect truckloads of donated items from local parishioners as well as donors from outlying areas of the San Fernando Valley.

The relief effort, a project spearheaded by the Knights of Columbus of St. Genevieve Parish, has brought the entire community together to send much needed items to the injured and displaced flood victims of the Philippines. Using a section of the parish hall as a makeshift operations center to collect and package relief items, member knights and parishioners alike have worked

hand-in-hand to process the steady stream of donations. The mobilization effort, which included announcements for relief donations at all the Sunday Masses, a massive e-mail campaign, phone brigades, targeted solicitation letters and distribution of local fliers, proved to be the right formula to get the donations coming. The relief items will be channeled through the Knights of Columbus Southern California Chapter for shipping directly to the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines.

Fr. Alden J. Sison, the Pastor of St. Genevieve Parish and Charter Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus of St. Genevieve, stated that he was touched by the outpouring of support from



the church community. He expressed his appreciation of the selfless efforts of the Knights of Council 14772. The relief effort reached its full momentum with the visibility it garnered during the highly publicized Filipino-American Symphony Orchestra and Choral Groups fundraiser held last Sunday, October 4, at St. Genevieve

Church. Operation Relief, is led by Primo M. Sumagaysay, Charter Grand Knight, Noel S. V. Omega, Charter Deputy Grand Knight, Victorino S. Agcaoili, Project Chairperson, and supported by its officers, members and their families; setting a good example of unity in service and charity in the church and the community. ■

# Reach out a helping hand...

for the immediate relief efforts in the wake of Typhoon Ondoy that hit the Philippines recently.

Please donate generously. Your donations will help purchase relief supplies and ration packs for distribution to heavily damaged areas with the help of local officials and volunteers.

### Guidelines:

- Donations can be received online **via credit card or Paypal through [www.abscbnfoundation.org](http://www.abscbnfoundation.org) or [ondoyrelief.multiply.com](http://ondoyrelief.multiply.com)**
- Mail checks payable to: **ABS CBN Foundation - Sagip 150 Shoreline Drive Redwood City, CA 94065**
- Pledges and inquiries can be made through the toll free number **1-800-527-2820**



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**SAGIP KAPAMILYA**

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### BENEFIT EVENTS

- Oct. 1 SF, CA "Band Aid Philippines" - organized by Sonia Delen and Intramuros Bar and Restaurant
- Oct. 2 LA, CA "Bayanihan" - organized by Jerik Mercado and Sibil Events, Sequence Events and Vybe Nation Events
- Oct. 3 SF, CA "Dance For A Cause" - held at Intramuros
- Oct. 3 SF, CA Filipino Curcillo
- Oct. 4 Hayward CA The Filipino Invitational Basketball League (FIBL) fund drive - organized by Mike Perez and the FIBL
- Oct. 4 LA, CA The Filipino-American Symphony Orchestra (FASO) Benefit Concert - organized by Cora and Roger Oriol and the Asian Journal
- Oct. 7 SF, CA Young Filipino Professionals Association Mixer Benefit - organized by the YFPA
- Oct. 8 San Mateo CA "Everyone's A Hero" benefit concert
- Oct. 9 SF, CA Benefit for Victims of Typhoon Ondoy - organized by Keesa Ocampo and the San Francisco Bay Area Community and Elected Officials
- Oct. 9 Redwood City CA Benefit Concert at the Fox Theater - organized by Golo Clemente
- Oct. 9 LA, CA "Magkaisa Laban Sa Ketsana" - organized by Blare Productions, Incognito Global and Manta Ray Events
- Oct. 11 LA, CA "United We Stand" Benefit Show - organized by Dhee Mirabueno and Kamote Productions
- Oct. 11 LA, CA Marathon Benefit Concert - organized by Jet and Edith Montelibano
- Oct. 12 Las Vegas NV Benefit Concert of the Phil. Medical Association of Nevada - feat. Martin Nievera - organized by the PMAN
- Oct. 18 Oakland CA Oakland Raiders Mabuhay Fiesta - Benefit for SK
- Oct. 18 Seattle WA Filipino Community Center, Seattle, WA Fund-raiser - organized by Alma Kern
- Oct. 24 San Mateo CA Phil. Madrigal Singers for Typhoon Victims
- Oct. 30 Berkley CA Filipina Women's Network 100 Most Influential Filipinas Gala