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Come delight in our heritage, feel the vibe and get into the Festival!

Catch the excitement of the grandest Filipino event in Las Vegas.

FREE ADMISSION
Indoor & Outdoor Venue | Lots of food | Vendors | Celebrity performances by Earl Turner and Lani Misalucha, with The Papin Ladies: Imelda, Glona & Aileen, Special guest appearance by Filipino professional boxer "Brian Viloria" the current IBF Junior Flyweight champion, 2DegreesF (Brix & KYZE), Sharon Kaylor (Smokey Mountain), Cia Mara | Live Broadcast from ORAS ng LIGAYA RADIO with your Hosts: Josie Harrison & KLAV's Bruce "Commander Garrett" | Kids Corner | Cultural Exhibits | Cultural Performances | Fashion Show | Las Vegas' 1st Annual Fiesta Filipino break dancing competition sponsored by Tunay Inc.

TFC's "Pera Ko Pera Mo" JOJO AND MARICEL QUIROZ GOES LIVE

LIVE Performance by EARL TURNER and LANI MISALUCHA

Saturday, June 6th, 9am-9pm - FIESTA
Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza
720 Twin Lakes Drive (From Rancho, head West on Washington) Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Sunday, June 20th, 7pm Gala Night Community Service Awards & Recognition Dinner at Treasure Island Hotel

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FRIEDA BROOKSHIRE, DDS
Former Ms. Body Language is now Beautiful Smile Diva!



AFTER a while of being out of touch, I got the chance to bond recently with Dr. Frieda Brookshire at the California Wok in Los Alamitos with other friends.

I even admitted this to her *na medyo nagtampo ako sa kanya ng konti kasi matagal ko din siyang iniimbitahan na mag get-together* to no avail. But, such is the life of a busy doctor.

My connection with Dr. Brookshire started when she was nominated as Woman of the Year during Reflections 18 a few years back.

Needless to say, she's a phenomenal Prosthodontist. Just look at the brilliant smiles of Ms. Kuh Ledesma and Ms. Pops Fernandez. That's the Dr. Brookshire brand.

During our outing, we had some enjoyable conversations and laughs. *Nakakatuwang kasama si Dr. Brookshire* when she's out of her doctor's robe and just relaxing with friends.

The way she is outside work is in stark contrast to her professional life. Being a brilliant Prosthodontist, she does take her job seriously and she is excellent at it.

With the support of her younger brother Frederick Von Giese, Dr. Brookshire has expanded her practice over the past year. They moved to a much bigger, more state-of-the-art dental office in Orange County, California.

When I'm at her clinic, I sometimes forget that Dr. Brookshire had a much different career path before being Frieda Fonda, the authentic Ms Body Language on Philippine TV.

You can only detect traces of that *kikay* showbiz girl in her when she steps outside her workplace. As you may recall, Frieda Fonda was a very popular dancer during the 1980s. She started showbiz at age 16 and went on to join the cast of TODAS, headlined by comedian Joey De Leon.

When the show TODAS got the axe, Frieda had her academic studies to fall back on. She armed herself with a degree in dentistry. Shortly after, she migrated to the US and reinforced her dentistry credentials at the University of Loma Linda, California.

She went on to pursue a master of science degree in Prosthodontics from the Marquette University School of Dentistry Graduate School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

So from being Ms. Body Language, she has transformed into the Beautiful Smile Diva. Besides the career change, however, Dr Brookshire has not changed at all in terms of personality.

She's still down-to-earth and unassuming. She knows how to have fun and her laughter is distinctively hers talaga. Moreover, she's caring and compassionate.

Like most who watch TFC, I saw Dr. Brookshire bare her story on Citizen Pinoy as her beloved brother faced an immigration crisis.

I was happy to have played a little part in connecting Dr. Brookshire and Frederick to attorney Michael Gurfinkel, who was able to help the siblings resolve the issue. It's a heart-warming success story that's inspired a lot of our kababayans in their quest to attain the American Dream.

I just want to say to Dr. Brookshire, you are one great lady. You are truly the Beautiful Smile Diva!

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