

THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 1| Friday
Screening of 'Boses' by the Assumption Alumnae Association
Abroad
 The Assumption Alumnae Association Abroad presents BOSES, Directed by Ellen Ongkeko-Marfil. The Film stars Ricky Davao, Cherry Pie Picache, Meryll Soriano and introducing Juilliard-trained violinist Coke Bolipata and his student, Julian Duque, a child violin prodigy on May 1st, 6pm-10pm at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle (59th St. & Columbus Ave., NYC). Ticket: \$25 Group and individual ticket sales, please contact: Vina Francisco (646) 203-1611, Linden Martinez (201) 224-7739, Ching Legarda (914) 793-5351, Rissa Hidalgo (908) 397-7206.

May 2| Saturday
Sakura Matsuri (Cherry Blossom) Festival
 Let's celebrate spring by joining the Philippine-New York Jaycees at the Sakura Matsuri (Cherry Blossom) Festival on May 2, Saturday, 2pm. Sakura Matsuri, New York City's "rite of spring," marks its 28th year with over 50 events and performances celebrating Japanese culture and the blossoming of Brooklyn Botanic Garden's 220 cherry trees. Visitors to the weekend-long Cherry Blossom Festival can enjoy a range of performances from traditional Japanese music and dance to concerts by some of Japan's hottest J-pop stars, plus taiko drumming, an anime voice actor panel, bonsai pruning workshops, J-pop DJs, a traditional kimono show, and demonstrations and workshops for all ages. For more details, please visit <http://www.bbg.org/exp/cheries/sakura.html> Brooklyn Botanic Garden 2 or 3 to Eastern Parkway-Brooklyn Museum station; B or Q to Prospect Park

station; 4 to Franklin Avenue; S shuttle to Prospect Park station. \$12 Contact: Bel Molina, (917) 325-3653.
Ayala Land Presentation In Flushing, Queens
 Ayala Land will hold Project Presentations on its Metro Manila and Outside Manila Avida, Alveo and Ayala Land Premier projects on May 2, Sat, 4pm at Manny's Bakeshop and Restaurant, 161-18 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY (718) 380-0802.

Among of its portfolio projects are: Serendra East Tower, The Columns, Senta, Aston, Red Oak, Avida Towers, Anvaya Cove, Greenfields, and Settings Nuvali etc.

For more information please call: Ruben Velasco at (917) 951-0010 Steve Derodar at 646-249-1126 PACQUIAO VS HATTON FIGHT Everyone is invited to watch the much awaited boxing fight at BISTRO FILIPINO, Saturday May 2 at 10:00pm-3am.

May 3| Sunday
Ricky Davao at Bistro Filipino
 BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR AND SINGER, RICKY DAVAO WILL BE PERFORMING LIVE @ BISTRO FILIPINO on Sunday, May 3 at 7PM. TICKETS are \$15.00. RSVP IS A MUST FOR GUARANTEED ENTRANCE. Call (646) 373-7499.

May 9| Saturday
Grand Fiesta Celebration on Mother's Day
 The PINAMALENOS USA INC., whose members hail from Pinamalanay Or. Mindoro cordially invites you to a "Grand Fiesta Celebration on Mother's Day" a Dinner and Dance party on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at Lourdes Restaurant 58-02 37th Ave. Woodside, Queens, NY 11377 6:00 pm-12:00 midnight. For ticket sales/confirmation pls contact: Mirriam Atienza(NY) 646750-8740 and

Ed Concha (NJ) 201546-1735.
PIDCI Golf Tournament
 The Philippine Independence Day Council will host a Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 9, at Pelham & Spiro Golf Courses located at 870 Shore Road, Bronx, New York. Partial proceeds will go to Ayala Foundation USA, GILAS Project. 11:30am Registration; 1pm Shotgun Starts; 7pm Dinner Reception & Awards.

Have a great day golfing! Help connect a Filipino student to the internet! To register or more information, contact Mario Garcia at 212-592-6907 or email at mario.garcia@bovislindlease.com

May 16| Saturday
5th Diocesan Fiesta of Our Lady of Peace & Good Voyage (Birhen ng Antipolo)
 The Filipino-American Community of St. Robert Bellarmine & Other Filipino Communities & Devotional Groups of Brooklyn & Queens invite everyone to join the 5th Diocesan Celebration of Our Lady of Peace & Good Voyage (Birhen ng Antipolo) to be held on May 16, 2009 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church located at 56-15 213th Street Bayside, New York 11364.

Celebrations start at 3pm with rosary / novena, street procession and Concelebrated Mass at 5pm followed by fellowship and entertainment. Rev. Msgr. Ronald T. Marino, V.E., Vicar for Migrant & Ethnic Apostolates of the Diocese of Brooklyn will be the Main Celebrant.

Fifth Annual Asian Heritage Street Celebration

The largest gathering of Asian Pacific Americans in the nation is back and bigger than ever. To be held in front of the Asian Art Museum and is open to all. 11am-6pm. For more info. Visit www.asianfairst.com

May 23| Saturday

Ayala Land Project Presentations
 Ayala Land will hold Presentations on its Metro Manila and Outer Manila Developments: Avida, Alveo and Ayala Land Premier projects on: Sat., May 23 and Sun., May 24, 10:00am- 5:00 pm 131 Barrow St., Suite 2B, Greenwich Village, New York City 10014. Among its portfolio projects are: Serendra East Tower, The Columns, Senta, Aston, Red Oak, Avida Towers, Anvaya Cove, Greenfields, Settings Nuvali, etc.

How to get there: Take #1 subway to Christopher, walk west. From Jersey City or 33rd, take Path to Christopher.

For more information, please call: Francis M. Tayag at 917-498-4328 Steve Derodar at 646-249-1126

June 7| Sunday
Philippine Independence Day
 Vice President Noli de Castro has accepted an invitation from the Philippine Independence Day Council, Inc. (PIDCI) to be a guest on Philippine Independence day in New York. As part of the 111th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence commemoration, there will be a flag ceremony in front of the Philippine Center at 8am followed by the Independence Day Street Fair which opens at 10am, downtown end of Madison Avenue between 24th & 26th. At 12noon, the Independence Day Parade starts and ends at 2:30pm. For more info. Contact: Gani Puertollano (908)964-5473/ (908) 230-6468, Juliet Payabay (718) 267-0221, Medy Taea (646) 415-3040, PIDCI Pres. Gerry M. Austria (201) 238-1785.

Super One Tour takes you on a cruise!

COME and join us as we embark on a religious journey following the Steps of the Apostle Paul with Fr. Romeo Hontiveros as the Chaplain. The experience will uplift your spirits and motivate you to a greater love for the Lord and the Scriptures than ever before. Be inspired with the stories, the new roads of Faith and enjoy the blessed place as we cruise to the following areas from November 13- November 23. Athens, Greece; Cairo Egypt, Great Pyramids; Ashdod-Israel, Jerusalem; Ash-

dod-Israel, Bethlehem; Haila, Galilee; Capernaum, River Jordan, Israel; Rhodes, Greece; Kusadasi, Turkey, Ancient Ephesus; Piraeus, Greece, Corinth, Athens tour. Departure is at New York JFK International Airport on November 12, 2009. For more information, call your Tour Coordinators: Rina Recinto (212) 563-7222; Cell (917) 348-6754; Toll Free 1 877 643 4012 or Reggie Salazar (203) 219-5870. Super One Travel is located at 1270 Broadway Ave., Suite 1211 New York 10001.

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People and Events

From 'Memoirs' to 'Memories'

DR. CARMENCITA Quesada Fulgado of New York, "Menchee" to her friends, has an eye for endowed scholarships. For her 25th wedding anniversary, in lieu of gifts, she suggested to her guests to make a tax-deductible contribution to St. John's University where she was working. This created the Quesada-Fulgado Anniversary Scholarship for students of Philippine heritage. During her UP Alumni Association in America (UPAAA) presidency (1996-1999), she raised its first scholarship fund (\$10,000) and signed the deed of donation in 2000. When Dr. Fulgado was appointed Centennial Commissioner, she took at heart her advisory role and invited fellow alumni abroad in making contributions toward the publication of Memoirs of UP Alumni Abroad. With their contribution, donors were given a page or more to write their autobiography, express their gratitude, recollection of their UP days and

beyond. This endeavor produced the landmark limited edition book and soon-to-be collectors' item. 'Memoirs' now has a sequel entitled 'Memories... A Legacy Gift of Filipinos and Friends at Home and Abroad' commemorating the New Charter as UP embarks in the New Century with the goal of \$100,000 scholarship fund for 7 campuses, from Baguio to Mindanao. The all-inclusive, global book will be dedicated to the 19th and First Woman UP President Emerlinda R. Roman. Everyone interested in making a tax-deductible contribution towards the cause and in return have the privilege of writing a page or two in the book are welcome to make their donation. Reserve now, but deadline for submission is September. For more information and reservation: visit the website at www.memoriesbyfulgadophd.blogspot.com. Dr. Fulgado can be reached at 718 658-2106 or e-mail memoriesbyfulgadophd@gmail.com. ■

The Philippine-New York Junior Chamber (Jaycees) nominates Outstanding Young New Yorker (OYNY) candidate

NEW YORK-The Philippine-New York Junior Chamber (Jaycees), a local chapter of the world's largest leadership organization, held its local chapter's Outstanding Young New Yorker (OYNY) competition on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at TRS Suites (44 East 32nd Street, between Park and Madison Avenues). The three finalists of the local OYNY competition are Kenneth Ejerta from Archbishop Molloy High School who won third place; Shila Chowdhury from Lehman High School in second place; and Regina Fojas from Queens High School of the Sciences at York College in first place. The Outstanding Young New Yorker (OYNY) is a state-wide competition sponsored by the New York State Junior Chamber. Each Junior Chamber chapter in the state nominates one exceptional high school senior to compete for scholarship prizes. This year, first place winner, Regina Fojas, who exhibits leadership qualities, superior academic achievement and service to the

community has been selected and will be sponsored by the Philippine-New York Jaycees to compete at the state competition on May 15-17, 2009 in Liverpool, New York. The Philippine-NY Junior Chamber (Jaycees), Inc. is a group of young men and women, whose mission is to develop leaders who will create positive change in the local and global community and their own lives through management training and networking opportunities. Their vision is to be the premier leadership organization for young people and entrepreneurs between the ages of 18 to 40 that offers quality projects, balanced programming, and opportunities to network with other organizations within the framework of community service and to further the movement of Junior Chamber International. Although "Philippine" is part of the chapter name, they are not solely a group for Filipinos; rather, they are a diverse international organization. For more information, please visit www.philnyjaycees.org. ■

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Sharon Cuneta's Megathirty Tour 2009...

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needed. Had Sharon chose another movie actor for a husband, the relationship could have been deluged with baneful intrigues and unending malicious rumor that could ruin even the strongest relationships.

Blessed with two lovely girls, Simone Francesca Emmanuel (Frankie) born November of 2000 and Mariel Daniella Sophia (Miel) born September of 2004, Sharon Cuneta domestically plays a triple role; that of a homemaker, a dutiful wife to Kiko and a guiding mom to her girls, KC, included. Sharon could be artsy-craftsy for Frankie and Miel and a kitchen wizard with her culinary expertise specially her "casserole" specialties. This is certainly the role that she loves playing tirelessly without any challenge or expectation of an award.

An Invitation to the Megathirty Concert
 MPG Global Productions, in cooperation with Asian Journal and Balibkayan Magazine, cordially sends out invitational announcements to all to watch Sharon Cuneta's Megathirty Tour 2009 on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 3:00 PM at the NJPAC Prudential Hall in Newark, New

Jersey. Get that rare Megastar experience and once-in-a-lifetime Mega show. Joining Sharon is her Mega-daughter and the current movie Princess of the Philippine movies, KC Concepcion and featuring Miss Cielo Tuazon.

Tickets are on sale now and priced at: VIP, \$150, \$138, \$98, and \$78 and available at www.mpgglobalproductions.com, www.ticketonline.com and www.Pinoyticket.com

For sponsorship and ticket information, please call: Bing: (732)668-8892, (732)533-8880, (732)651-8556 & (732)447-8678; Nel: (917)691-2335; Girlie: (703)304-0547 & (703)992-5441; Amy: (201)253-9405; Terry: (201)886-1705; Robert: (571)283-1330; John: (917)836-3122; Baby: (917)916-6770; Bobby: (201)239-5803, (201)239-7744 & (201)390-4983; and Oscar: (201)281-3561.

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LOWELL ORIEL PALACPAC In Quest for the Eagle



Photo shows Lowell at his Eagle Board of Review accompanied by Glenn Askland, former Scout Master Troop 1005, Rulan Miao (BOR member), Richard Brown Board of Review (BOR) Chair, Gary Singh (BOR member), Eric Wu, current Scoutmaster Troop 1005 and Mark Pulido (Guest Board member, who was the President of AABC School Board in Cerritos at the time) at the High Council Room of Church of Jesus Christ of LDS.



Photo shows Council Members John C. Martins, Tony Lima and Larry R. Nelson; (front) Council Member Victor Manalo, Louis (father), Lowell Oriel Palacpac, Imelda (mother), City of Artesia Mayor Sally Zuniga Flowers, Lowell's former Scoutmaster Michael Choi, Lowell's Gahr High School teacher, Miguel Canales at receiving a Certificate of Recognition at the Artesia City Hall.

IN 1908, Lord Robert Baden-Powell founded Boys Scouts of America, an organization committed to developing character, citizenship, personal fitness qualities and an appreciation for the outdoors in young boys around the nation. Those who have participated in this organization have come out of the experience learning the importance of teamwork, social consciousness, and volunteerism, making them better prepared to become future leaders and responsible citizens actively participating in their communities. Lowell Oriel Palacpac first joined the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 1005 when he was 11 years old. Now at the age of 17, he achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout on Nov. 12, 2008. The Eagle Scout is one of the highest ranks attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boys Scouts of America. The prerequisite to be eligible for the Eagle Scout rank is to earn at least 21 merit badges demonstrating Scout Spirit, service, and leadership. Frequently, Lowell earned his badges in Swimming, Citizenship in the Nation and Community, Environmental Science, Emergency Preparedness, Personal Management, Personal Fitness, etc., at Summer Camps. He was also required to plan, develop, and organize a service project that would benefit another organization. "I was born in Artesia, and I always wanted to give back to the community," he said so he eventually decided to execute a project for the benefit of his community, more specifically the Artesia Public Library, where he frequented as a child growing up. "I researched and visited churches and schools and met with parish priests, city council members and other elected officials before deciding to landscape the garden near the entrance of the library. Later knowing that I had the support of my neighbors and the city residents, I was motivated to

fulfill the tasks I set out for myself and to exceed their expectations," he shares. He underwent hours upon hours of planning and conference calls with the City Manager and his Scoutmaster in addition to raising funds for the tools and supplies that were key to the execution of his plan. In fact, the plants he used to landscape the library's garden came from the Palacpac residence and were planted and cared for by Lowell since he was 8 years old. "I quickly learned that to be the most effective leader, I had to rely on the discipline and patience instilled in me by my parents (Louis Nafarrete Palacpac from Bani, Pangasinan and Imelda Oriel Palacpac from Binalonan, Pangasinan). I saw myself taking more initiative in recruiting volunteers, collecting donations and tools, and educating the neighborhood. In addition, my experiences helped me to grow as a leader and gain self-confidence. I am humbled and proud that my community is able to appreciate the completed project," he adds. But the project was not without its setbacks and there were times when he got frustrated. "I reminded myself of how the community would benefit. My hope was that the beauty of the garden would encourage them to utilize the library, a beautiful and safe environment for learning. This accomplishment has encouraged me to keep pushing myself in my new endeavors and to never lose sight of the bigger picture and rewards that would come at the end. As I end high school and my dreams of college take flight, I look forward to the bigger challenges that await me, which can only allow me to grow into a more confident, stronger person and to realize my full potential," he says. All his hard work and dedication paid off as Lowell was given a special certificate of recognition twice for beautifying the Artesia

Library and also for achieving the Eagle Scout rank. Lowell, on the other hand, insists he could not have succeeded without the help of some people. "I would like to thank the City Council of Artesia and staffs for all their help and for giving me the opportunity to be do a community project: Mayor Sally Zuniga Flowers, Mayor Pro Tem Tony Lima, and Council Members Victor Manalo, John Martins and Larry Nelson, City Manager Maria Dadian, Public work and Consultant Chuck Burkhardt, Communication Specialist Andrew Perry, and Ms. Amelia Nacu; Boy Scout of America Frontier District, LAAC, Advancement Chair Y. T. Chung, Council Advancement Committee Members, Dianne Culton and Diana Fournier; Eagle Character Board: Richard Brown, Gary Singh, Rulan Miao, Glen Askland and Mark Pulido; Troop 1005 Scoutmasters Eric Wu, Michael Choi and Glenn Askland; Nar Boribon, Nish Choksi, Scouts and parents of Troop 1005. Also to those that have given me recommendation: "Guro" Annalynn Catalasan of Team Intense, Scoutmaster Michael Choi, Tony Manrique of All American Boys Chorus and Father Johnny Zulueta of Holy Family Church. Thank you for all their support." These days, although he is already an Eagle Scout, he still actively participates in Troop 1005. He enjoys teaching the younger kids and is willing to help fellow scouts achieve the Eagle Scout rank. He further challenged himself by achieving the next higher rank, earning the Bronze Palm rank in February 2009. It is true that Eagle Scouts go on to accomplish even greater feats in their future, which is also the case for Lowell. In the Fall of 2009, he plans to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, receiving scholarships and majoring in Electrical Engineering. ■

Why choose an agency...

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terms of the schedule and type of task you want fulfilled. Also, unlike homecare providers hired informally, it's much easier to rectify a problem or find a replacement if you encounter an issue with your provider. Since individuals working for you are formal employees and are the responsibility of the company, they can be sanctioned in case of complaints from clients. If you need a replacement, your agency can help you find one since they have a network of employable providers and a database of applicants. This again saves you from the hassle of screening, orienting and training a homecare staff. And now that you're dealing with an organization that handles all these hiring matters, you wouldn't need to ask everyone or post on Craigslist to look for a new nanny, chef, chauffeur, personal assistant or a specialized caregiver. Hiring a homecare provider who can do the chores you would be better off delegating

to someone else could be one of the best decisions you'll make for yourself and your family. However, your manner of choosing one will determine if your decision would be beneficial or damaging. When you have a homecare agency that have years of experience and knowledge on matching homecare providers with clients, you can be confident that the person you have at home is the best person for the job. * * * Charmaine Teodoro is the Senior Vice President of JUNO Healthcare Staffing, a group of companies that recruit RNs, LPNs, CNAs and allied healthcare professionals and deploys them to healthcare facilities on a full-time, part-time, per diem or travel assignment. It also sponsors foreign-trained RNs for immigration to the US. JUNO has offices in New York, and in New Jersey where it offers homecare services. JUNO Healthcare Staffing Systems, Inc. 411 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1006 New York, NY 10016 T 212-685-5866 F 212-685-5867 Website: <http://www.junohealthcare.com> JUNO Healthcare New Jersey, Inc. 35 Journal Square, Suite 825 Jersey City, NJ 07306 T 201-239-9333 F 201-239-9093 Website: <http://www.junohealthcare.com> (Advertising Supplement)