

People and Events

THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 26 | Friday
PACEC's Presentation of Miss Philippines USA 2009 Candidates
 In commemoration of its 44th Annual Beauty Pageant, The Philippine-American Communities Executive Council, Inc. (PACEC) announces the Presentation of Candidates for the Miss Philippines USA 2009 which will be held on June 26, 7:30pm at the Bamboo Grill-Latin Ballroom (52 Portland Ave. NJ). Free Parking. Attire: Semi-Formal. For more info. contact: Gidget Revilla (201)983-1335; Eric Santos (845)359-8322; Araceli Mendoza (973)815-1299 Erno Hormillosa (646) 637-6337; Wilson Verzosa (201)647-6195 or email: pacec2008@aol.com

June 27 | Saturday
Fiesta ng Baclaran in New York
 Our Lady of Perpetual Church in South Ozone Park, New York will celebrate the Fiesta ng Baclaran with a procession, novena and mass which starts at 2pm on June 27th. Venue: 111-50 115th Street in Ozone Park, NY. For more info. contact: Estela Pelayo (908)355-7029 or email: ehplayo1@comcast.net

June 28 | Phil-Am Friendship Day Parade and Street Fair
 The Philippine American Friendship Committee (PAFCOM) is celebrating its 19th Phil-Am Friendship Day on June 28 from 8am-7pm in Jersey City. The parade starts at the Plaza Rizal located at the corner of Brunswick St. and Columbus Drive. The Festival will showcase Philippine culture and traditions. Booths are located at the Exchange Place Plaza. For more info. Contact Paul Verzosa, parade chairperson (908) 764-9011/(908) 688-7667, Hector Magno- 2009 Overall chair (908) 229-0155, Lorie Lizardo MD-2009 Grand Marshal (973) 678-7445.

San Juan Fiesta Picnic
 Join the Catholic Fellowship of Young Filipino Professionals in its June event celebrating San Juan Fiesta (Feast of St. John the Baptist). Experience and enjoy a true Filipino tradition in NYC on June 28, Sunday, starting at 1:00PM at Central Park! While only Philippine cities and towns named "San Juan"

celebrate this festival on June 24 with elaborate community activities, most, if not all, partake in the playful "basaan" (water dousing) to commemorate the act of baptism by St. John. Anyone who goes outside their homes risks getting wet as random people are likely to throw water at them. The experience is intended to remind one of one's baptism. Food, games, music and discussions will reflect this Filipino tradition during the picnic and is located at the North Meadow in Central Park. Please look for yellow balloons to find us. If you have questions, you may contact Joe Valdez (917) 494-6234.

July 4 | Saturday
Indi Day Music Festival
 Everyone is invited to celebrate the 4th of July Indi Day Music Festival which is held at the Crash Mansion (199 Bowery St., NY), 8pm. There will be a lot of bands performing. Admission is \$20. The event will benefit the Manhattan Therapeutic Research Foundation. Visit: www.mtrfny.com for more details.

July 25 | Saturday
Chokwang!!! A live comedy show
 MPG Global Productions, LLC proudly presents A Live Comedy Show titled CHOKWANG!!! Featuring Pokwang & Chokoleit...an evening full of laughter and songs with special guest: Yeng Constantino. This will be on July 25, 7pm at Christ The King Performing Arts Center, Christ the King Regional High School (68-02 Metropolitan Ave. Middle Village, NY 11379). Tickets: \$78, \$58, \$38. Contact Bing: (732) 668-8892; (732) 533-8880. Log in to: www.mpg.globalproductions.com/www.tiketanonline.com

August 8 | Saturday
1st Peoples' Ball
 Simbang Gabi Sa Katedral, Inc. and Special Edition Press, Inc. presents, a dinner-dance fundraising event to benefit SGSK is slated to take place at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel in Rutherford, N.J. by way of a People's Ball on Saturday, August 8, 7pm.

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Eve Red Buhay's latest art exhibit

A VISUAL artist of limitless ideas whose works and forte runs wild and fast as her brush, ERBU, also known as Eve Red Buhay, has lived and breathed art since she was young. Coming from an inclined lineage, her passion for life and its fulfillment through art is clearly shown. Becoming internationally renowned and taking the world by storm has given a new word for 'naive' art. Her patrons and spectators define her work by the immediacy of her execution and the bold colors she uses. Part of her aura is her free spirit. Raising two children has never hindered her passion for the arts, but has given her a burst of energy and wisdom. ERBU has



Eve Red Buhay, artist, with Ambassador Davide



The artist with Ambassador Davide and officers of the UN Philippine Cultural Society. From left, Josel Picache, Vivian T. Cruz, Del Gow, Emma Dumatag, Mariette Abadilla and Elmer Sampaga

been described as having fresh artworks. Naive in expression, with an explosion of colors. Each collection she has created has found homes in various cities in the Philippines and abroad. The simplicity of her execution gives balance to her ideas and subjects, where the attack of the brush immediately captures the thought and emotion being provoked. Most of her subjects revolve around the things she likes, the people she cares about, the feelings and emotions she gets from life's highs and lows. ■

PIDCI Gala at Sheraton, Newark



Consul General Cecilia B. Rebong joined by PIDCI and PDCC Directors



FAAE Secretary Paolo Barcarse and member Kenneth Millo, pose for the camera.



FAAE President Freddie Taruc welcomes guests to the annual dinner dance at Astoria Manor.



FAAE President Freddie Taruc presents special award to member Rey Prego.



FAAE Treasurer Tante Palad demonstrating his dancing skills.



Ambassador of Philippines to the United States, Willy Gaa, and Consul General of New York, Cecilia B. Rebong, along with Gerry M. Austria, 2009 PIDCI President, Independence Day Parade Chair Gani Puertollano, Independence Day Parade Grand Marshal, Dr. Teofila Malamum-Santos, with PIDCI and VIPs.



Bituin ng Luzon Loriella Reyes, Miss Filipino American Renee Nicole Lago, 2009 Diwa Ng Kalayaan (Spirit of Independence), Monica Castillo Meares, Hiyas ng Pilipinas Janette Gomez, Bituin ng Mindanao Demellen Faith Cuerda, and Lakambini ng PIDCI Natasha Abella



Rey Prego poses with FAAE officers Butch Agapito, Tony Pungot, and Pete Bonus. Photos by Aris Labiaga



Flag Ceremony accompanied by the song 'Ako ay Pilipino'

Photos by Richard M. Reyes

SIMBANG GABI SA KATEDRAL AND PHILIPPINE FIESTA IN AMERICA PRESENTS The 1st People's Ball at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel

A WELL-DEFINED fusion of orchestrated coordination of ideas becomes a glistening possibility between Simbang Gabi Sa Katedral, Inc. (SGSK), a non-profit organization established to promote and strengthen our most valued Filipino heritage and traditions especially during the holiday season, and Special Edition Press, Inc. (SEPI) best known for producing successful events and entertainment productions aside, of course, from being synonymous with the Philippine Fiesta in America.



Together, through their joint venture, a collaborative effort to gather to the fold as many faithful who have been slowly drifting apart from the flock or have somehow forgotten their religious obligations is being envisioned. Unlike its maiden take-off last year, SGSK organizers and members foresee an occasion free from the usual hitches and flaws especially with SEPI stalwarts, Nanding and Mila Mendez, who are both known to be professional event planners.

On Saturday, August 8 at 7pm, a dinner-dance fundraising event to benefit SGSK is slated to take place at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel in Rutherford, NJ by way of a People's Ball.

A creative interpretation of the Rigodon de Honor, an elegant, stately dance popular during the Spanish era, will serve as the "piece de resistance" of the affair to be participated in by Filipino Catholic priests from the New York area, SGSK officers and selected members plus the inclusion of chosen SEPI officers and friends to make up the other half of the Cabeceras (head pairs) and Costados (side pairs). Fashion designer-couturier Bobby T. Yalong choreographs the 30-pair dance ensemble with music adaptively studio re-mastered by singer-composer Archie D.

The People's Ball serves as a fitting preliminary event of the actual annual celebration of the Philippine Fiesta in America which is scheduled on August 15 and 16, 2009 at the Meadowlands Convention Center in



Tears in the Darkness: The Story of the Bataan Death March and Its Aftermath

THE Embassy of the Philippines-Washington, Library of Congress, Asian Division Friends Society, Veterans History Project and LCPA Veteran's Forum present a book talk by Michael Norman and Elizabeth M. Norman, authors of *Tears in the Darkness, The Story of the Bataan Death March and Its Aftermath* on June 26, Friday, at 1pm at the West Dining Room, 6th Floor, James Madison Building, Library of Congress.

Tears in the Darkness is a major new book about World War II, in the tradition of *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *Hiroshima*. For the first four months of 1942, American, Filipino, and Japanese soldiers fought what was to become America's first major land battle of World War II: the battle for the tiny Philippine peninsula of Bataan. The brutal fight ended with the surrender of 76,000 Filipinos and Americans, the single largest defeat in American military history. The defeat, though, was only the beginning, as Michael and Elizabeth M. Norman make dramatically clear in this powerfully original book. For additional information, contact the Veterans History Project at (202) 707-4916. ■