

## People and Events

### Managers being recruited for 2010 Census

27 Local Census Offices Opening Fall, 2009

THE Los Angeles Regional Census Center is actively recruiting managers for 27 Local Census Offices. 26 will be located in Southern California, and one in Honolulu, Hawaii. With the exception of the US military, the nationwide recruiting effort for the decennial census is the largest peace time hiring of temporary federal employees.

In the fall of 2009, these 27 Local Census Offices will open to direct Field Operations for the region's population count on Census Day, April 1, 2010. These offices will be located in strategic areas of southern California and on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. Managers' salaries range from \$19.25 to \$29.00 per hour depending on location and position.

The current focus and priority is on recruiting and testing to fill six key management positions for each Local Census Office before the openings in the Fall, 2009. The positions are: Local Census Office Manager, Assistant Manager for Field Operations, Assistant Manager for Administration, Assistant Manager for Recruiting, Assistant Manager for Quality Assurance, and Assistant Manager for Technology.

Testing will be ongoing in Local Census Office cities and their surrounding areas.

To reserve a seat for testing, please call (866) 861-2010, enter zero: "0" and your zip code.

For more information on Census 2010 jobs in the Los Angeles Region, please visit [www.census.gov/losangeles](http://www.census.gov/losangeles). Click on the link for "Regional Employment." ■

### APO Hollywood Alumni Association celebrates success at induction ball

by TIMOTHY H. ALMAZAN

WITH the glitz and glamour of a red carpet affair, one of Southern California's newest Fil-Am organizations, Alpha Phi Omega - Hollywood Alumni Association, celebrated its first inaugural induction ball on Saturday, April 25th, 2009. Befitting the organization's name, the members of Alpha Phi Omega - Hollywood Alumni, or APO-HA for short, donned Oscar worthy apparel to the event and referred to each other not by their real names, but by the Hollywood aliases that they had picked for themselves upon entering the organization. Names such as Brad Pilipitt, Bruce Walis, Al Kapon and Al Pa Sino constitute just a few of their Pinoy spin-offs of major Hollywood stars. Paparazzi's made their way in with high powered cameras to get pictures of wannabe Hollywood Stars.

APO-HA held the induction ball at the Beverly Garland Hollywood Inn, in Hollywood. The hotel is known to have housed movie stars since 1972.

The organization had much to celebrate. Since its recent assembly, the brothers and sisters of APO-HA have made a tremendous impact on the Filipino com-



munity, both at home and abroad. The group recently donated fifty balikbayan boxes of medical and surgical equipment to the Philippine General Hospital, as well as to provincial districts with minimal healthcare access. Most recently, APO-HA teamed up with Grace Resource Center in Lancaster, CA to feed the homeless population residing in the Antelope Valley. Such acts of charity stem from the principles of Alpha Phi Omega: leadership, friendship, and service. Each member inherently pledges himself or herself to these ideals.

APO-HA's induction ceremony

began with hors d'oeuvres and cheerful socialization at the hotel's courtyard. The group then moved to the hotel's Grand Ballroom, where the induction ceremony began. The event commenced with Richard Lacson (also known as George Clowney), the Chairman of Affairs. The master of ceremonies consisted of Ruby Fernando (also known as Paris Hilton) and Tony Rivera (also known as Anthony Hannibal Hopkins). The emcees acknowledged the presence of APO alumni members of neighboring chapters, including APO South Bay, APO Las Vegas, APO San Diego and various members from Northern California groups.

Though in the style of the Hollywood rich and famous, APO-HA's induction ball was still Filipino at heart. Both American and Philippine national anthems were sung. Additionally, two special performances occurred that night, one by the APO sisters and APO wives, and the other by the group known as The Humps. The APO sisters and APO wives, dressed in matching boots and jeans, performed a line dance. The Humps, a group of plump-tummied APO brothers, performed a routine in the style of The Village People. The dance floor then got filled up with energetic sways and moves of graceful dancers with the beats of salsa, tango, rumba and modern hiphop kicks.

Following the performances, President Jun Bangan ("Al Pa Sino") and Chairman of the Board Domingo Go ("Roger

More or Less") recognized APO-HA members whose contributions were deemed significant. Special mentions went to Fortune Cumigad (aka Dustin Hoffman), Manang Pompei Cumigad, Benildo Tan and his wife Cynthia Tan, Irma Almazan (aka Tia Carrera) and Alex Almazan (aka Al Kapon), and Jay Pineda. Though not an official member of APO-HA, Benildo Tan and Jay Pineda were very instrumental in soliciting and consolidating the medical supplies that had been donated to the Philippines.

Another notable event of the night included a lengthy raffle, where guests took their chances in winning donated prizes such as wine, gift certificates, and other items donated by the members. Many of the winners were non APO-HA guests who were invited to join in the induction ceremony. Most consisted of family and friends of APO-HA members. The total attendance was 175.

After a filling dinner, the true celebration began. After hours of dancing, the group relocated to a private hospitality suite at midnight, where members concluded the evening with sashimi and wine.

As the glitz and glamour came to an end, the "stars" of Alpha Phi Omega - Hollywood Alumni toasted to their continued success. As sung in their Toast Song, "Ever mindful, ever serving all humanity, now we raise our grateful voices, in our song to thee; men and women of Alpha Phi Omega, may we always be." ■

### PASCPA Dinner-Dance Fundraiser

THE Philippine American Society of Certified Public Accountants (PASCPA) cordially invites you to its Dinner/Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at the Philippine Village Center 4515 Eagle Rock Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90041 starting at 6pm. Donation: \$20.00 per person; Attire: Dress-to-impress.

Proceeds will benefit PASCPA's scholarship and various charitable projects, including the University of the East projects. To RSVP, please call any of the following contact persons: Francine Clara (818) 482-3245 or [frc962002@yahoo.com](mailto:frc962002@yahoo.com); Anita Domingo (818) 832-9592 or [agdomingo7@gmail.com](mailto:agdomingo7@gmail.com) ■

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### USTHS Alumni Homecoming

CALLING all members of USTHS 1960! We are the Golden Jubilarians for the USTHS Alumni Homecoming of 2010. Join the fun! Relive memories! Your batchmates are waiting for you--after 50 years. See you all at the GAH on 20 Feb. 2010. Be present too, at the Batch 60 Golden Jubilee Reunion (2-day outing and Grand Ball) on 22-24 Feb. 2010.

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### Is filing bankruptcy...

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retirement plans, etc. Thus, it is not as difficult or complicated as some people may think.

Chapter 13, on the other hand, allows you to pay back creditors, partially or fully, over a 3-5 year period under court supervision. For people who are behind in mortgage payments, filing for Chapter 13 is also a way to stop foreclosure because delinquent mortgage payments can be included in the repayment plan. The debtor's attorney puts together a Chapter 13 plan based on the debtor's income and expenses at the time of filing. The plan proposes a payment of a fixed amount based on the debtor's surplus income and the plan is subject to court approval. Creditors may object to confirmation of the Chapter 13 plan based on certain grounds but once the Court approves the proposed plan, it becomes final and creditors must accept it, whether they like it or not. Thus, this could be a way for you to pay creditors on your terms instead

of being forced to pay more than you can afford.

Which chapter is appropriate for your situation will depend on the facts of your case, the nature of your debts and your objective in filing. For this reason, do NOT hire an attorney who is not experienced in handling both Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases if you are unsure about which type of bankruptcy to file.

If you are struggling with debt problems and would like to know if bankruptcy is advisable for your situation, let us help you understand this process so that you can make an informed decision. For a free consultation, you can call my office at Toll-Free 1-866-477-7772. We have offices in Glendale, Cerritos and West Covina.

None of the information herein is intended to give legal advice for any specific situation. Atty. Ray Bulaon has successfully helped more than 4,000 clients in finding solutions to their debt problems. To schedule a free attorney consultation, please call Ray Bulaon Law Offices at TOLL FREE 1-866-477-7772. (Advertising Supplement)

### Awarding Child...

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\$3170(a). If the case is not settled in mediation, it gets decided in court through a contested hearing. At

times, the court will order a child custody evaluation if it determines that it would be in the best interest of the child. The court may also appoint a minor's counsel if it feels it would be in the best interest of the child. Family Code §3150(a). The court retains continuous jurisdiction over issues of child custody and support until the child

reaches 18. This means the order may be modified all throughout this period if there has been a change in circumstances.

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