

People and Events

20th Anniversary Reunion of SSAM Class of 1989

THE Class of 1989 of the St. Scholastica's Academy, Marikina (SSAM) held their 20th year anniversary reunion on last June 27 at the Marriot Residence Inn in Stevenson Ranch. It was not just a reunion but also a fundraiser to provide scholarship awards for high achieving students who come from low income families. We are most grateful for supporting this worthy cause.

SSAM is non-profit corporation, with its assets and income used directly and exclusively for educational purposes including expansion when needed to carry out the aims and objectives of the school. SSAM envisions a community centered in Christ where every member called for mission seeks God daily in a creative balance of Ora et Labora (Pray and Work). To concretize its mission, SSAM continues to intensify the programs of action involving all sectors of the school community as it pursues Christian spiritual formation the Benedictine way and academic excellence



as social responsibility.

The Class of 1989 would like to thank their GOLD HEARTED SPONSORS: Law Office of Ray Bulaon, Premiere Career College, OPI Products Inc. Haliya Wines, Lavish Salon & Spa, Asian Journal, Powerhouse Starts, Jammin Productions, TLA Designs Inc.,

All About Skin by Joan Arnaiz-Go and all the individuals who volunteered their time and creativity namely, Noli and Kyle Gracilla, Mr. & Mrs. Luis Via, Day and Andre Manalang, Ben and Bea Avelana, Mia and John Burdios. The group would like to express their appreciation to the personal do-

nations made by the Aduan, Ancheta, Cambaliza and Thompson families.

We are still open to donations, please visit our Reunion Website: <http://ssam89usa.webs.com> for more information and also, SSAM Website: <http://www.ssam.edu.ph/>.



REUNION. Chiz Escudero with townmates from Casiguran, Sorsogon at Bahay Kubo Restaurant before he appeared as a guest speaker during the 111th Phil. Independence celebration at Westin Bonaventure on June 13, 2009.

Giving back hope

ON July 1st at Covina Park, Between San Bernardino Rd and Badillo St at Fourth Ave. Covina, CA we will host a community outreach "Giving Back Hope" with Convoy of Hope <http://www.convoyofhope.org/> where we will give away groceries worth \$20,000 to 3,000 or more residents of the city and beyond. We will have other free services made available to the community such as Free Hair Cuts by Marenillo School of Beauty, Health Screenings by St. Francis Medical Center, Entertainment Stage for youth/adults and separate for kids, Mabuhay Alliance Financial Counseling, Asian Journal Mini Job Search & Immigration Legal Advice, Azusa Pacific University Community Counseling Services and many more.

We are giving back to the community in many forms of care and compassion. Being immigrants coming from a 3rd world economy we found ourselves at the receiving end. Now as Fil-Ams we would want to reverse that by being at the giving end.

"We felt that this is the right time to bring change and a new image to a Filipino anywhere around the world and be compassionate," said Lead Pastor Jaren Lapasaran of Heights worship Center International Ministries www.hwcim.org and President of 75 strong Fil Am Congregation here in the USA with the Assemblies of God www.filam.us

You can do your part by spreading this word of care and compassion by bringing the elderly, with no vehicle access or simply your friend in July 1st to Covina Park and all of us experiencing the explosive effect of Giving Back Hope to our community. ■

City of Covina Wednesday celebration series

Fourth Avenue and Badillo Street in Covina Park

THE City of Covina Wednesday Celebration Series kicked off on July 1. An opening program and registration at the Bandshell was held, "Giving Back Hope" from 3-7pm with a number of activities—Convoy of Hope Food Distribution to fami-

lies, St. Francis Medical Center health screening, free haircuts from Marinello School of Beauty, Teen Challenge Skateboard Clinic, performances by various local artists, community counseling services from Azusa Pacific University, financial counseling and foreclosure information from Mabuhay Alliance and many more. There was a musical worship celebration held in cooperation with City of Covina, Filipino-American Christian Fellowship of the Assemblies of God.

The event was coordinated by Pastors Jaren and Rose Lapasaran, Lead Pastors for Heights Worship Center International Ministries, 2531 Vallecito Dr. Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 (626) 893-9963. ■

Denise Hurdles past a stepping stone



On May 21, 2009 at the Shrine Auditorium, Denise Creencia graduated from American Career College's Licensed Vocational Nursing program. Denise considers this a stepping-stone to her ultimate career goal of becoming a registered nurse like her mother Elizabeth Creencia of Kaiser Permanente. Denise credits a strong family life and her parents who inspire her to be the best she can be. Denise gives full credit to her father David and all her siblings (who incidentally will all be in the healthcare field), but with special emphasis to her 86-year old Grandma Natividad Adeva with their now deceased grandpa, Manolo, who helped in raising her and her siblings and more than half a dozen cousins during the growing up years.

OUTSTANDING. The Maranan family, owners of D' New Aristocrat Restaurant in Panorama City, were honored with an "Outstanding Small Business" award by the United Chambers of Commerce recently at ceremonies held at the Beverly Garland Hotel in North Hollywood. (From left) are Bolster, Susan, and Rod Maranan, with Leo Maranan, President of the San Fernando Valley Filipino-American Chamber of Commerce, and Steve Holzer, Chairman of UCC, a coalition of 32 chambers and business organizations in the San Fernando Valley and region. At left is Debi Schultze, UCC President and CEO.



Family appointment with Yahweh El Shaddai

EVERYONE is invited to join a family appointment with Yahweh El Shaddai, the God who is more than enough where Jesus Christ is Lord, on the first, second and third Saturdays of the month from 6:30-

9pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in 2020 East San Antonio Street, San Jose CA 95116.

For more information, please contact Ann Pascua at (408) 987-9610. ■

Living with Osteoarthritis?

EVERY year, hundreds of thousands of Americans with osteoarthritis must undergo hip replacement surgery.

When all other options for treating severe osteoarthritis of the hip have been exhausted, artificial hip joints offer a solution with a high rate of success. But how should you prepare for this major operation, and what can you do afterwards, to protect

the new joint and keep it intact for years to come? The American Arthritis Society has compiled twelve useful and practical tips for self-care and made them available on its website. Developed with the help of some of the world's leading hip surgeons, each tip is easy to follow and can be very helpful in preparing for your operation. They can be viewed online at: www.americanarthritis.org. ■

Independence Day Shootfest

SHOOTFEST. The 2nd Philippine Independence Day Shootfest was held last June 13-14 at Mike Raahauge's Shooting Complex in Norco, California. 157 shooters from California, Nevada and Arizona participated in the event. ■



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Mr. Dick Lim



Ms. Valerie Levanza-Rosales

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have its own loan modification program. Call the company who services your mortgage for more information. You don't need an attorney or anyone to help you with a loan modification. However, a lot of people are confused about the process and do not understand what information they should be providing their lender when they apply. Banks themselves are overwhelmed and often disorganized which makes it even more difficult, time-consuming and frustrating

for distressed homeowners. It costs money to hire a law firm to do the negotiating for you but having a knowledgeable and experienced professional on your side who can fight for you can be worth it if you get the results that you need. After all, you may only get one chance at doing this especially if time is running out so why take your chances? As a last option to deal with foreclosure, bankruptcy can also sometime be an effective strategy.

For a free consultation, call

Toll-Free 1-866-477-7772. Let us evaluate your situation and recommend possible options. 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.

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