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By Ferdie Villar

Philippine Carnival of Beauties 2009 entries are now pouring in!

Candidates coming from different parts of Northern California are joining the biggest and most prestigious search for the fairest ladies and gentlemen at the annual Philippine Carnival of Beauties produced by beauty impresario Ferdie Villar, an icon in producing beauty pageants for five decades. The event will be held on May 30, Sunday, at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel (1101 Van Ness Avenue) in San Francisco at 6pm.

The titles at stake in the five-in-one beauty and popularity contest are Mrs. Republic of the Philippines-USA, Mr. & Miss Republic of the Philippines-USA and Little Mr. & Miss Republic of the Philippines-USA.

Lucky winners will receive roundtrip tickets to the Philippines, three-legged trophies, crown and scepter, victory sashes and other valuable prizes.

Competing for Mrs. RP-USA are Ceres Delapaz and Suzi Halim of San Bruno, Anita Quiambao Dungca of Burlingame, Geraldine Nieva of Oakland, Cora Torres and Franhlee Bateria of Daly City.

Candidates for Miss RP-USA are Lizette Billostas of Vallejo, Dorothy Figueroa of Burlingame, Nikkie Roco and Melisa Sokukawa of Oakland, Cynthia Ballesteros of San Jose, Evangelina Perez of Antioch, Kristina San Diego of Pittsburg, Flor Diaz of San Mateo, Ayssa Torre of Fremont, Consuelo Santamaria of South San Francisco, Joy Escalante of Tracy, Melissa Iwanag of Pacifica and Lolita Marasigan of San Rafael.

Entries for Mr. RP-USA are Christian Dimalanta of Brisbane, Sean Renock, Allan Francis Bueta and Ronald Lavarias of Daly City, Kyle Gregorio of Union City, Brandon Busuego of Sunnyvale, Raymond Garcia of South San Francisco, Donald Ureta and Tommy Belmonte of San Jose, Rebel Rosales of San Francisco, Allan Ranis of Richmond and Joel Perez of San Leandro.

Candidates for Little Mr. RP-USA are Harison Michael Paul of San

Ramon, Ronald Paz of Pittsburg, Julian Ford and Benjamin Gonzalez of Oakland, Dindong Panlilio and Prince Benipayo of San Jose, Richard Enriquez of San Ramon, David Reyes of Daly City, Jose Mari Sabater of Pacifica, EJ Manotok of Antioch, Michael Diaz of Fremont and William Manzano of San Francisco.

Competing for Little Miss RP-USA are Joy Venegas Atis of Fresno, Tayana Reece of San Francisco, Lingling Haris of Walnut Creek, Caroly Benipayo and Jean Pineda of San Jose, Berbery Tiro and Jing Jing Pargas of South San Francisco, Jackie Nielsen of Oakland and Angeline Johnson of Hayward.

The deadline for entering the contest will be on March 19, Thursday. For information, call Noel Nuguid at (408) 772-3922, Cely Mehr (510) 396-1603, Jett Viray Navarro (415) 239-5712, Aida Marinas (650) 438-0782, the RP-USA Beauty Pageant office (415) 684-5858 or (650) 271-6573.

The formal presentation of all the contestants will be at a merienda party on May 3, Sunday, at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. ■



San Francisco Host Lions Club will host a dinner and dance on Saturday, March 26, at the Buri Buri Social Hall in South San Francisco at 6pm. Shown in photo are (L-R, standing,) president Henry Lasat, Pat Ancheta and Denny Macatig; (L-R, seated) Rodger Cayabyab, Beth Yulo, Mar Gamboa and Norma Gamboa.



John Lloyd Cruz, the new Box Office King of Philippine movies, reunited with Pop Princess and Box Office Queen Sarah Geronimo in 'You Changed My Life.' John Lloyd attended their film's US gala premiere last Sunday, March 1, at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City. Shown in photo are (L-R) Honey Lynn Valencia of Golden Touch Production, Malou Maranon and Fanalee Bateria.



Jaylyn Danielle Nacayan, the 5-year-old daughter of Alicia Nacayan of Vallejo, is one of the candidates for Little Miss RP-USA.



Providence Real Estate executive and WOW Cargo president Ramon Bunag celebrated his birthday last February 23 in Las Vegas with his wife Susan.



Comedienne, singer and actress K Brosas, one of the main stars of 'Si Pooh, K at Booba' recently staged at Cache Creek Casino Resort, is shown with WOW Cargo president Ramon Bunag.



Lizette Billostas, a commercial and fashion model from Vallejo, is one of the candidates competing for this year's Miss RP-USA.



Jonjing Ejercito de Castro, a well-loved hotel executive in the Bay Area, celebrated his birthday last Wednesday, March 4, with a dinner party held at the de Castro residence in San Bruno.



Ceres Yadao Delapaz, a former stewardess of Cathay Pacific and now a real estate agent here in Northern California, is one of the candidates for Mrs. RP-USA. She is married to Adolfo Delapaz of Balayan, Batangas.



Cely Mehr, a well known community and civic leader in Fremont, is the Committee Chairman for the nomination of candidates who want to compete for this year's Philippine Carnival of Beauties and 2009 Celebrity World Star Awards.

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