



Notes from RENO

John "Romy" Rose

Experience Saturday Night Fever at the Eldorado's

\$100,000 Casino Royale all cash giveaway

32 \$500 prizes and 94 \$100 winners.

Every 10 minutes a lucky winner will be drawn on Saturday, March 21 from 2pm to 10pm; Sunday, March 22 from noon-8pm; and on Monday, March 23 from noon-8pm. All unclaimed prizes will be redrawn on Tuesday, March 24 at 9:30am.

The Eldorado's top of the line table games, nearly 2,000 loose slots and Keno make it easy to earn points and drawing tickets for Casino Royale.

Signing up for a Club Eldorado membership is easy and free. or stop by the Promotion Center on the casino

floor. For more details call the Eldorado at (800) 879-8879.

Win a getaway this festival season with the Eldorado's Spring Festival Giveaway. Guests can enter the sweepstakes daily until March 27 for their chance to win a free trip to the Exclusive Eldorado Asian Festival on April 11, 2009 at the Eldorado Hotel Casino.

The Grand Prize includes VIP hotel check-in, three deluxe rooms for one night, Lucky Money and a gift basket in each room, roundtrip limousine service provided by the Eldorado, a private table for six to the Spring Festival Asian

Banquet and exclusive Eldorado VIP treatment.

Eldorado Chefs will showcase authentic Asian cuisine during the Spring Festival Banquet on April 11, 2009. Guests will feast on a bounty of Pan-Asian delicacies including Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Korean, Thai, Cambodian cuisine and more!

The deals don't end with the Spring Festival Giveaway Sweepstake. Sweepstake participants who visit eldoradoreno.com are eligible to take advantage of the Exclusive Asian Fortune Package, available from just \$49.99 per night, Sunday-Thursday. Weekend packages

are available from \$74.99. The exclusive offer includes a \$25 "Lucky Money" resort credit for each night's stay. The "Lucky Money" credit is valid for dining, retail shopping and entertainment.

Visit eldoradoreno.com/chinese today to enter the Spring Festival Giveaway for your chance to win and take advantage of this exclusive offer! For more information, visit us online at eldoradoreno.com or call (800) 879-8879.

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ones, to affordable places to stay in Reno, to information on marriage and divorce, we have the answers. Or call (775) 303-4433.

Also, please visit The Rose Garden Restaurant at 1255 Stardust Street in Reno, which serves Asian, American and Italian cuisine. The Rose Garden features a Filipino Buffet from Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 2pm (lunchtime) and 5 pm to 10pm (dinnertime), and Sunday from 10am to 3pm. On Fridays and Saturdays, The Rose Garden features ballroom dancing and karaoke.

See you in Reno!
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Manila Hotel jumpstarts 2009 with a bang

MANILA—As 2009 finally sets in, Manila Hotel embraces the New Year with fervour, optimism and pride as it continuously strives to provide only the best leisure, business and dining experience that only the pioneer and established name in the Philippine hotel industry can offer.

Originally built in 1912, Manila Hotel has been suitably regarded by many as the "Showcase of the Philippines," "Aristocrat of the Orient" and "Address of Prestige." Its roster of guests is a veritable Who's Who, which includes Gen. Douglas MacArthur, US Presidents Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon and William "Bill" Clinton, their Royal Highnesses Edward and Charles Princes of Wales, and Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore among others. It is marvelously nestled among the Philippines' historic sights such as Intramuros, Manila's "Walled City", Rizal Park, and Manila Bay.

To date, while maintaining its distinctive classic architecture, full of poise and confidence, Manila Hotel introduces its fully renovated guest rooms, which started works last year and should see completion this year. Fully equipped with modern amenities and facilities, the said guest rooms induce an atmosphere filled with elegance and sophistication, at the same time showcasing the authenticity of Philippine culture. Further, the rooms provide a magnificent view of the Manila Bay and the famous sunset. Even against the financial crisis, Manila Hotel has undertaken this move to meet the ever-changing needs of its guests being a hotel of exceptional standards.

Further, this historic mark has recently opened its newest Chinese feast sensation, Mabuhay Palace, which assures on goers of delectable dishes inspired from China, Hong Kong, and Singapore cooked to perfection by no less than Master Chefs Chen De Bin, Hou Zhen Hui, Josephine Candelaria and Lin Jie Min. The restaurant's refined ambiance exhibits a Classical and Contemporary Chinese motif with precious stones visible on its jade panels. The main dining area has a seating capacity of 140. The four private dining rooms offer around 80 more seats giving the restaurant a total seating capacity of 220 seats.

Moreover, the new pool and garden feature an expanded Ylang Ylang café, better access to both the adults' and children's pools, and a lanai to take advantage of an existing, but underused, second story open deck beside the pool.

The new lanai for the Ylang Ylang café opens up to the outdoors. The cool shades of existing mature trees combined with the pleasant views of the new pool provide a cool setting for alfresco dining. From this area, guests can go up through a garden staircase and proceed to the upper deck, which wraps around the whole pool area.

The pool itself has been reconfigured and re-engineered with brand new state-of-the-art pumps and filter system. It has likewise been expanded to include a new children's pool and wet play area. The original wet bar has been refurbished to house additional tables and seating enhanced with ceiling fans and lighting. Contemporary Asian décor, a sun deck and water features enhance the new pool's ambiance on the southern side of the garden. Decorative spouts and jets add flavor and compliment the new 'Quartzon' finish of the swimming pools.

Beyond the pools is an event space with a seating capacity of over 200 guests for a sit-down function. It fits over 350 for cocktails including space on an upper open air deck, embracing a dramatic view of the bay and sunset. Decorative metal screens rotate to enclose this space and keep it segregated from the pool area. Enough space has also been allocated for a stage or band platform, electronics, lighting and power.

The whole area is protected from the sun by generous timber trellises laden with colorful flowering vines and punctuated with tall royal, coconut and Madagascar "traveler" palms. Original tree and shrub planting like Sea Grapes, Barringtonia Asiatica and Bougainvillea were conserved and enhanced with additional



landscape and mood lighting. Fiery red gingers, orange heliconias, succulent bromeliads, luscious philodendrons and fashionable dwarf bamboos are some of the thousands of new plants added to the garden.

Apart from all these, also located by the bay is the spa, which will open March this year. As an institution full of rich Filipino history, the said spa prides in making available the Aromatherapy Massage or "Amuin." This gentle healing is meant to bring into modern-day therapy the centuries-old knowledge of the use of plant essences for restoration and disease prevention. "Amuin" makes use of 4 various scents (Alaga, Hulay, Sigla, Gayuma) that provide corresponding psychological benefits to the guests. Other services also include Hair and Scalp Treatment and Aromatherapy Face Treatment.

To complete the guests' rejuvenation and wellness interests, next to the spa is the health club, which features state-of-the-art and high technology Life Fitness Elevation series ma-

chines such as the Treadmill, Crosstrainer, Upright exercise bike and Recumbent exercise bike all with touch screen LCD, ipod control and believe it or not a virtual trainer. A yoga/aerobics room with two separate lockers for male and female is made available to those who want to go dancing or do pilates, taichi and spinning. For an even more luxurious treat to pamper one's self, the health club has its own dry sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi.

"Truly, Manila Hotel continues to carry on the elegance of the past combined with the expediency and modernity of the present. It is nurtured not only by patronage but also by the high regard of those who come through her doors as demonstrated by the numerous local and international awards and distinctions it has garnered over the years. Now on its 97th year, Manila Hotel remains to be a proud institution, a landmark and a heritage preserved," said Atty. Jose D. Lina, Jr., President of Manila Hotel.

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DIVAS 4 DIVAS...

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with the finest talents in the music industry. Caselin Productions, in association with CW Marketing Solutions, is putting together this big event. What was initially deemed impossible, has now become a reality. Yes, it's true, it is really going to happen, the biggest concert event of 2009! According to Bennie Lagos of Caselin Productions, this biggest and most ambitious dream concert ever put together on one stage

can only be described as "four times bigger, four times grander and four times everything!"

These four talented singers (plus Martin) along with the fabulous costumes, mood-enhancing lights and incredible production numbers makes *Divas 4 Divas* a concert you shouldn't miss! The night will also showcase some of the Bay areas best talent gracing the stage as opening acts: Kristiana Sunga, Raymond Ritchie, and the Tahitian extravaganza, "Spark of Creation".

Indeed, it will be a long time before an event of this magnitude comes along again!

Good seats still available but going fast. Tickets are priced at \$125, \$95, and \$75. For information, please call Cecille at (707) 645-1098, Pia at (510) 329-1406, Event Center Box Office at (408) 998-8497, or go to ticketmaster.com.

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