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By Ferdie Villar

GMA, Erap, head list of birthday celebrants for April

NO less than Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and former President Joseph "Erap" Ejercito Estrada head the list of personalities celebrating their birthdays this month. President Arroyo will celebrate her 62nd birthday on Sunday, April 5, while former President Estrada will be turning 72 on April 19.

- Other birthday celebrants this month are:
- April 2 – Philippine News founder and former publisher Alex Esclamado who celebrated his 78th birthday with his wife Luli and children in North Carolina, and former Daly City police captain John Warren who is now the Chief Inspector of San Mateo County's District Attorney Office and happily to Filipina beauty Helen Colina;
 - April 3 – Edna's Ichiban Restaurant owner Ben Ramos;
 - April 4 – Vallejo community leader Mike Calilan and entertainment producer Paco Malonzo;
 - April 7 – LuzViMin Club of Northern California first lady Ludy Reyes, movie actor Richard Gomez and the Megastar's daughter KC Concepcion;
 - April 9 – Mr. Pure Energy Gary Valenciano and Daly City charming lady Juliet Ramos who is celebrating 86th birthday;
 - April 10 – Hotel executive Manny Garcia;
 - April 11 – Daly City community leader Flor Rennock and East Bay stage actor Neal Munoz Roco, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Carmelo Roco;
 - April 13 – Quezon City-Daly City Sister City

- Committee president and Statewide Realty president Rolly Lavarias;
 - April 14 – Former Miss United Nations- Universe Queenie Salazar;
 - April 15 – Hayward community matron Marie Kamley;
 - April 17 – Hotel executive Mohamad Yusuf, entertainment producer Delhia Viray and DB Production owner Dolly Baclog;
 - April 19 – Former Miss Universe Gloria Diaz, former Mutya ng Pilipinas Jane de Joya, former Miss RP-USA and singer Mary Grace Garcia, and band leader/entertainment producer Joey Camins;
 - April 20 – Filipina socialite and antique collector Sylvia Tongco Ford, Nanette Inventor (also known as Dona Buding), community leader Boots Bautista, actor-comedian Prospero Luna, and ballroom dancer and owner of The Eye, Lita Jurado;
 - April 21 – Philippine Star entertainment editor Ricky Lo, Asia's Songbird Regine Velasquez, and Signature band leader Cesar de la Cruz;
 - April 22 – Mission Savings Bank vice president Chito Cardenas;
 - April 23 – Former Barrio Fiesta restaurant owner Marjorie Ongpauco Barretto;
 - April 24 – Ballroom dancer Jonathan Roco and hotel executive Rey Pabalate;
 - April 25 – Fil-Am model Rabel Dane Kitchen;
 - April 27 – Filipino fashion designer and singer Raymond del Rosario;
 - April 30 – Visayan movie actress Dolly Fuentes.
- Happy birthday to all April celebrants! ■



Daly City Councilman David Canepa headed the distinguished guests who attended the Getting to Know You party given by beauty impresario Ferdie Villar in honor of the participants of this year's Philippine Carnival of Beauties. Titles at stake are Mrs. Republic of the Philippines-USA, Mr. and Miss Republic of the Philippines-USA, and Mr. and Miss Republic of the Philippines-USA. The party was held last Sunday, March 29 at Roberto's Restaurant in Daly City. Shown in photo are (seated, 1st row, L-R) Jordan Herren, Joshua Joy, Karen Jobson, Joylynn Narayan, Jesse Pangilinan and Jordan Castillo; (seated, 2nd row, L-R) Rachel Joy, Seneng Quiambao, Ceres Delapaz, Jett Vira Navarro who is the national chairman, Lydia Humphrey and Stephanie Harmer; (standing, L-R) Club Royale president Gil Navarro, Tessie Labitoria, beauty impresario Ferdie Villar, Councilman Canepa, Claire Viray and Erick Villanueva.



Susan Pacifico, San Jose's fashionable lady and president of Pan-Asia Money Remittance is shown with Pop Princess Sarah Geronimo and pop icon Mark Bautista during the Meet and Greet dinner party hosted by Ric and Gwen Diaz of Roberto's Restaurant last March 27.



Singer turned entertainment producer Lerma de la Cruz celebrated her 50th birthday at her new home in Daly City last March 30 with her husband Cesar de la Cruz of the Signature Band. The celebrant is a former A&W Records artist owned by the Villar family, the pioneer in the recording industry in the Philippines.



Dr. Victoria Morrow, president of Skyline College, hosted the 9th Annual President's Breakfast last Thursday, March 26 at the South San Francisco Convention Center along South Airport Boulevard. Shown in photo with Dr. Morrow are some of the guests who attended the fundraising event, (L-R) Daly City Councilman Dave Canepa, Mrs. RP-USA International Marilen Bernardo, Duggan Serra Mortuary president Dan Duggan, Dr. Morrow, Susan Brissenden-Smith, overall chairman of the event and Teresa Pronoa, executive secretary of Duggan Serra Mortuary.



Jett Viray Navarro (fourth from the left), chairman of the Philippine Carnival of Beauties 2009, is shown with organizing director Noel Nuguid and with some of the candidates for Mrs. and Miss RP-USA, Genel Sison, Ranessa Ramos, Trina Dimaranan and Ceres Delapaz during the Getting to Know You party last March 29 at Roberto's Restaurant.



Dionne Nicole Meehleib, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Meehleib, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a dinner and dance at Intramuros Restaurant in South San Francisco.



Josephine Montemayor Marquez, managing director of Auntie Anne's Pretzels at Serramonte Shopping Center, will celebrate her birthday on Sunday, April 19, with a party to be given by husband, airport executive Jose Marquez.



Larcy Perez will celebrate her 1st birthday with a children's party to be hosted by her parents Anthony and Vangie Perez at the Spaghetti House in Concord on April 4.



Ludy Reyes, first lady of LuzViMin Club of Northern California will celebrate her birthday on Tuesday, April 7 at her home with her husband Rey and only son, Ray.



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