



celebrity world

By Ferdie Villar

Philippine Carnival of Beauties 2009 to present Bay Area's prettiest on May 3

SPRINGTIME is set to get a loadful of beauties and talents as beauty impresario Ferdie Villar officially presents the candidates for this year's bets for Mr. & Miss RP-USA, Mrs. RP-USA, Little Mr. & Miss RP-USA on Sunday, May 3 at 1pm at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco.

Members of the press and sponsors will be mesmerized by this annual pageant in Northern California that has paved the way and nurtured some of the prominent personalities both in the Bay Area and the Philippines. One of these personalities includes Charo Santos, a classic beauty and brains, and currently one of the most prominent women in Philippine media. Discovered by beauty impresario Ferdie Villar in one of the local beauty contests in her native Oriental Mindoro before she was named as Miss Green Race and geared her way up as an actress. At present, she is the president of ABS-CBN 2.

During the early 70s, Ferdie Villar was in his best element that he started naming the Box Office King and Queen, and Mr. and Miss RP Movies during its initial years. Former President Joseph Estrada and Superstar Nora Aunor were named as box office royalties and the rest is history.

This year, expect another exciting roster of beauties to share fun and camaraderie as they compete for beauty, talent, poise and popularity. Application is open until May 2 and all candidates are expected to attend in the best cocktail wear on May 3 from 1pm to 5pm at the Cathedral Hill Hotel. Prizes at stake are round trip tickets to the Philippines, crown, scepter, victory sash, three-legged trophy and other special prizes.

To be a candidate for Mr. and Miss RP-USA, you must at least 25 percent Filipino lineage, single, 16 to 25 years of age (below 16 years old should have parental consent), at least 5'3" in height, with pleasing personality and fully determined to join the contest. For Mrs. RP-USA, candidates must at be at least of 25 percent Filipino lineage, regardless of marital status, 25 years of age or older, at least a high school graduate with good moral character. For Little Mr. and Mrs. RP-USA, candidates must be

at least of 25 percent Filipino lineage, 4 to 12 years of age with full parental consent to join the contest.

The main pageant is scheduled on May 24, Sunday, from 1pm to 6pm at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, while the proclamation and coronation of winners will be held on May 30, Saturday, with a gala dinner show at 6pm at the Cathedral Hill International Ballroom. Fashionable first lady of Club Royale-USA Jett Viray-Navarro is the chairman of the said pageant. For application and inquiries, please call (650) 952-4949, (650) 271-6573 or (408) 937-4796.

Special thanks to the Vitug family, particularly Hermana Mayor Florence Vitug-Pena and Hermano Mayor Rhuddee Vitug, Erlic Vitug Salangang and Dorothy Vitug Alcantara of San Jose, CA, for hosting the special novena in honor of the Blessed image of the Black Nazarene. Kudos to the devotees, sponsors and ladies of Our Lady of Counsel Church headed by Sister Gloria Garcia who administered her spiritual guidance during the novena and was ably supported by Beth Garcia and family. Our Sunday sponsors: Roland and Nellie Metra, Leo and Minda Carino, Alcantara family, Jesse and Josie Dogillo and family, Alvin and Grace Gueco, Fernando and Nildan De Jesus, Dr. Antonio and Cita Lugay, Bernard and Gina Pena, Donna Marie and Kevin Jenkins and family, Thelma Cowgill and family, Myrna Garcia, Ric and Ray Tongol, Doming and Brenda Jauchico and family, and of course, the loving Yabut family of Ang Sarap Restaurant in South San Jose. The novena was well-attended and this is because of the generosity of all the devotees and families who have shared their valuable time to make this special time of prayer and blessing a big success. ■

Moring Macalinao, president of the Buri-Buri Filipino-American Senior Association, is the recipient of this year's Filipino Club President of the Year for his outstanding service and relationship with other Fil-Am organizations here in the Bay Area. He will receive his award during the annual Celebrity Star Awards gala night on Saturday, May 30 at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco.

San Jose prominent matrons (L-R) Remy Jones, Adela Naldoza and Floren Flores modeled the Summer Collection of Susan Pacifico's ladies' wear and boutique in San Jose during the recent Sampaguita Lions Club Induction Ball.



Karissa Medina, an exotic Filipino beauty from Daly City, is one the candidates who will be presented to the members of the press on Sunday, May 3, at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco at 1pm.



Rico Sanchez, a debonair singer and guitar player who manage his one-man band, will be this year's recipient of the Celebrity Star Award as the Most Promising Singer/Entertainer of the Year at the Red Carpet Awards gala night at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco at 6pm.





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Daly City religious leader Naty Lorenzo celebrated her 75th birthday with a dinner and dance last April 18 at Roberto's Restaurant. Shown in photo are (L-R) Rachel and Arnel Lorenzo, the celebrant, Daly City Councilman David Canepa and Noriel Lorenzo.



Charo Santos-Concia, former Miss Green Race and Baron Caltex Travel Girl, now the first lady president of ABS-CBN 2 is shown with Maricel and Jojo Quiroz, hosts of Pera Ko Pera Mo (PKPM) of Keyrose Corporation, at the recent Gawad Geny Lopez Bayaning Pilipino 2009 awards night at the ABS-CBN Studios in Redwood City.



Daly City Councilman David Canepa headed the list of special guests during the 65th birthday celebration of hotel executive Rey Pabalate, held at Beijing Restaurant along South Airport Blvd. last April 24. Shown in photo are (L-R) Nellie Pabalate, Councilman Canepa, the celebrant, Tita Bautista, Hermie Manansala, Emily Morales and her daughter Riem Jacob Morales.



Luisita Cabrales, administrator and community liaison director of Staffing Home Care, home health agency in South San Francisco, hosted a luncheon party for her employees last April 24 at their office. Shown in photo are (L-R) LVN-Intake Coordinator Linda Garcia, Gemmaline Gumere, RN-Clinical Supervisor, Beth Marquina, RN-Director of Nursing, Mrs. Cabrales, Tinh Nguyen-Community Liaison Officer and Anne Tiquez-Medical Record Clerk.



The Blessed Image of the Black Nazarene was honored with a nine-day novena by the prominent families in San Jose held recently at the residence of Dorothy Vitug. Shown in photo with miraculous image are some of the Hermana Mayors who sponsored the novena. Among them are the Metra family, Carino family, Pena family, Dogillo family and others.

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