

# celebrity world

By Ferdie Villar

## Carnival of Philippine Beauties 2009 all set on May 24

**Y**ES, everybody is feeling the pangs of the economic crunch and advertisers/supporters are in the wait and see mode, monitoring how things in the business scene would turn out. But the fascination over the tradition of beauty and talents in the Bay Area Filipino-American communities continues as the Carnival of Philippine Beauties 2009 will showcase its newest batch of lovely and dashing candidates. Titles at stake are Mrs. RP-USA, Mr. & Miss RP-USA and Little Mr. & Miss RP-USA.

Admittedly, a dearth of male candidates for Mr. RP-USA and Little Mr. RP-USA is very much evident this year, but our female candidates will fill it in during the Grand Finals on Sunday, May 24, at 1pm at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco.

Some of the outstanding beauties who entered this year's batch of candidates for Miss RP-USA are Ranessa Gomez, Trina Dimaranan, Genel Sison, Rachel Joy Narayan, Jhasmin Toledo, Karhisa Medina, Kimberly Madjus, Suheer Halim and Karen Perez.

Five lovely women have joined the beauty, personality and popularity bout in the spirit of friendly competition—Ceres Dela-Paz, Lydia Humphrey, Anita Dungca, Sheila Borillo and Mylah Spears.

For Mr. RP-USA, the candidates who will showcase their personalities and talents are Jordan Castillo, Eric Villanueva, Joshua Farinas and Jordan Herrera.

Some of the lovely youngsters braved their way to join Little Miss RP-USA are Marianelle Baltazar, Clarina Camicia, Karen Jabson, Anna Amador, Jaylynn Narayan, Jeraldine Herrera.

The main pageant on May 24 will include other minor categories like the talent, formal wear/long gown and swimsuit (only for Mr. and Miss RP-USA candidates) competitions, and the grueling

question-and-answer portion.

Coronation and proclamation of winners will be on May 30, Saturday at 6pm at the Cathedral Hill Hotel via a gala dinner-dance that is strictly formal in attire. Entrance and dinner tickets are at \$55 each. Raffle tickets at \$5 each are also available with special cash prizes at stake.

Expected to attend the event are Senator Leland Yee, Daly City Councilman Dave Canepa, beauty-queen actress Jean Saburit, former Miss RP-USA World Zeny Lutao Sarmiento, former Miss Philippines-Chicago Zeny Weisberger, band leader Frank Sityar and other special guests.

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Viewers of The Filipino Channel have seen Megastar Sharon Cuneta evolve from being the soft-spoken elitist girl who sang *Langis at Tubig* and *Mr. DJ*, to a young teen falling in love in reel and real life with the angelic-faced Gabby Concepcion in the movie *PS I Love You*. Now, the box-office queen is a proud mother to teen actress KC Concepcion and two more kids with Senator Kiko Pangilinan. The shy little girl has now grown up as one of the richest and powerful media celebrities as she hops from a drama to a rib-tickling comedy, *Best Friends Forever (BFF)* with top comedienne Ai-Ai delas Alas. The Megastar is now also doing a tour of her *Megathirty Concert* with daughter KC Concepcion on May 24 at the Peppermill Tuscany Event Center in Reno, Nevada.

People are excited to see Sharon Cuneta perform live as she takes you to a nostalgic ride of her 30 years in showbusiness. KC's presence will surely be an added treat to those who have followed the career of the Megastar. The concert is produced by Artist House with Louie Ocampo as director of the show.



Jane Tan Kellner, Mrs. RP-USA 2008 hosted a Mother's Day get-together with her relatives and best friends held at the Kellner residence in Daly City last May 10, Mother's Day. Shown in photo are (seated, L-R) Edith Yu, Jane Tan Kellner, Africa Fajatin, (standing, L-R) Elena So and Helen Ong.



Flor B. Rennock, well-known civic leader in Daly City recently celebrated her birthday with her best friend Vangie Lopez at Treasure Island Hotel in Las Vegas. Also in photo is Erlinda R. de la Cruz of Kaiser Permanente Hospital.



Senator Leland Yee is shown with the finalists of this year's Miss RP-USA. Grand Finals and talent competition will be held on Sunday, May 24, at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. In photo with Senator Yee are (L-R) Suzie Halim, Rachelle Joy Marayan, Karen Jabson, Jhasmin Toledo, Trina Dimaranan, Genel Sison, Karhisa Medina and Kimberly Madjus.



Anita Dungca, who hails from Macabebe, Pampanga and now a resident of San Francisco is one of the finalists for the search for Mrs. RP-USA.

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Six of the top contenders for the search for Little Mr. & Miss RP-USA 2009 are show with Senator Leland Yee. In photo with Senator Yee are (L-R) Anna Alberto Amador, Clarina Camicia, Maria Nelle Baltazar, Jaylynn Narayan, Joseph Hermoso and Gigi Perez.



Ramon Viray Bunag, president of WOW Cargo, who hosts a Bible Study every Sunday at his business office in Burlingame, is the recipient of the Religious Leader of the Year award for the annual Celebrity Star Awards gala dinner and dance on Saturday, May 30, at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco at 6pm.



Mylah de Guzman Spears of San Jose is this year's recipient of the Philanthropist of the Year award for the annual Celebrity Star Awards gala dinner and dance on May 30 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel on May 30.



Gloria Nielsen, treasurer of the LuzViMin Club of Northern California, celebrated her birthday last May 8 with a dinner party at Carmen's Restaurant in Embarcadero, San Francisco. Shown in photo are (L-R) Rey Reyes, Bernie Zabala, Amor Barba, Imelda Canosa, Ludy Reyes and Vilma Bulinger.



Fely T. Somera, president of the San Jose Lions Club International and an active community and political leader of San Jose, will be the recipient of the Community Leader of the Year Award for the Celebrity Star Awards gala dinner and dance on May 30 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco.



The Garvida family recently hosted a welcome dinner party for the De La Cruz family at the Intramuros Restaurant in South San Francisco. In photo are (L-R) JR Garvida, OJ De La Cruz, Mylene De La Cruz, Cora Garvida, Vinih De La Cruz, Marc A. Garvida, (back, L-R) Gary De La Cruz, Marc Garvida and Mark de Leon, co-owner of Intramuros Restaurant.

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