



celebrity world

By Ferdie Villar



Jett Viray Navarro, grand dame of Club Royale International Foundation, Inc. and overall chairperson of the Philippine Carnival of Beauties 2009, is shown with Perla Valencia of Golden Touch Films Production and former Miss Young Philippines and actress Jean Saburit, who are beauty pageant executive members for the Grand Finals and Talent Competition on Sunday, May 24, at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco.

LuzViMin Association of NorCal celebrates May Festival on May 23

THE festive spirit of the Bay Area community is in the air as the Luzon Visayas Mindanao (LuzViMin) Association of Northern California celebrates their annual Filipiniana event (May Festival on Saturday, May 23 at the Buri-Buri Social Hall in South San Francisco.

This year's affair is headed by Rey Reyes with Diva Tirol and Bernie Zabala as co-chairs. During the event, four female members will be named as May Festival Queens of the Year—Carmen Robles as Miss LuzViMin, Elsie Batara Manguba as Miss Luzon, Lydia Javier Humphrey as Miss Visayas and Josephine Felarca as Miss Mindanao.

Cash prizes also await the lucky raffle winners, with other interesting prizes at stake. Special thanks are extended to the following donors: Mr. Moring Macalinao, president of the Buri-Buri Filipino American Senior Association, Mr. Ronald Llanes, president of the Asian-American Seniors Association and Juliet Pimentel, president of FILCA.

Come May 24, an afternoon of pageantry will take place at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco as the Carnival of Philippine

Beauties 2009 opens its competition events at 1pm. Candidates for Mrs. RP-USA, Mr. & Miss RP-USA and Little Mr. & Miss RP-USA will compete for best in formal wear, talent showcase and the question and answer portion. Mr. and Miss RP-USA will strut down the catwalk as they display their curves and abs for the exciting swimwear competition.

Winners will be announced and crowned on May 30, 6pm at the same hotel via a gala dinner and dance with live band music entertainment to delight the attendees.

Recipients of the Celebrity Star Awards 2009 will also take the spotlight. This years Celebrity Star Awardees are businesswoman Susan Pacifico as Fashionable Lady of the Year, singer Divo Bayer as Entertainer of the Year, Mr. Moring Macalinao as Filipino Club President of the Year, Tessie Labitoria as Humanitarian Lady of the Year, Dolly Baclig as PR Lady of the Year, Mrs. Perla Valencia as Film Producer of the Year, Mr. and Mrs. Roger and Yolly Cruz-Cayabyab as Ideal Couple of the Year, Mr. Rico Sanchez as Most Promising Singer of the Year, Mrs. Dandie Dandoy as Caregiver of the Year, Ramon Viray Bunag of Filipino Religious Leader of the Year, Mrs. Mercedes Tanner as Nurse of the Year, Mylah Spears as Philanthropist of the Year, Maria Encarnacion Sarmiento Yabut as Mother of the Year, Matthew Luciano as Youth Role Model of the Year, Mrs. Fely Somera as Filipino Community Leader of the Year and Mrs. Florinda Flores as Florist of the Year. ■



Lurline Ortiz Ladera, daughter of Eddie and Paz Ladera de Vallejo, is one of the candidates who will compete for Miss RP-USA 2009 on Sunday, May 24 to be held at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco.

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Clarina Eleanor Camicia, daughter of David and Edna Camicia of San Francisco, will take centerstage as she joins the candidates for the Little Miss RP-USA this year. Clarina dreams of becoming a doctor someday.



Karen Jabson, daughter of Francisco and Estela Jabson of San Bruno, is one of the candidates for this year's Little Miss RP-USA to be held on May 24 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco.



Joshua Farinas, son of Jessie and Toni Farinas, is one of the candidates for Mr. RP-USA 2009. During his younger years, he was featured in the movie 'Sweet November' starring Keannu Reeves and Charlize Theron.



Jhasmin Toledo, daughter of Cecille Candaza of San Jose, is one of the candidates for Miss RP-USA 2009. She is also a talented singer and can perform the Tahitian dance.

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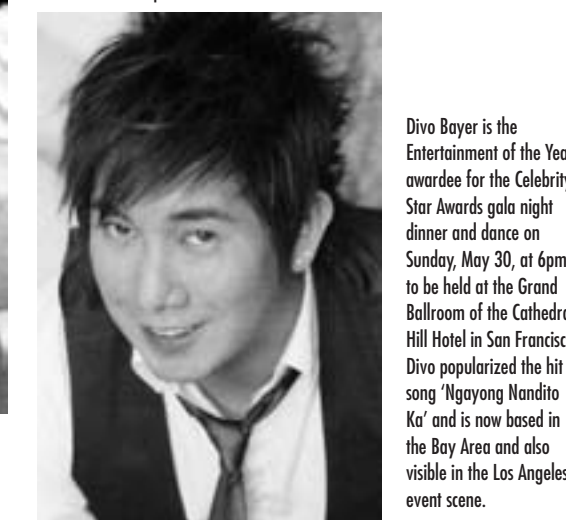
Elsie Batara Manguba, an accountant, will be proclaimed and crowned as Mrs. Luzon 2009 at the LuzViMin Association of Northern California's May Flower Festival on Saturday, May 23 at the Buri-Buri Social Hall in South San Francisco at 6pm



Carmen Robles of Daly City, a retired nurse, will be crowned as Mrs. LuzViMin Maytime Queen 2009 on Saturday, May 23, at the Buri-Buri Social Hall in South San Francisco at 6pm.



Lydia Javier Humphrey, one of the strong contenders for Mrs. RP-USA 2009 and was recently crowned as Reyna de los Flores by the Asian-American Senior Association, will be proclaimed and crowned as Mrs. Visayas for 2009 on May 23 at the Buri-Buri Social Hall at 6pm.



Divo Bayer is the Entertainment of the Year awardee for the Celebrity Star Awards gala night dinner and dance on Sunday, May 30, at 6pm to be held at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. Divo popularized the hit song 'Ngayong Nandito Ka' and is now based in the Bay Area and also visible in the Los Angeles event scene.