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By Ferdie Villar

Carnival of Philippine Beauties 2009, a resounding success!

Divo Bayer named as Celebrity Star Award's Entertainer of the Year

THE International Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel was filled with lovely people in their formal wear last May 30 at the Coronation Night of the new Miss RP-USA, Mrs. RP-USA, Mr. RP-USA and Little Mr. and Miss RP-USA 2009.

The towering beauty of Trina Dimaranan from the East Bay won the title of Miss RP-USA 2009 and she even romped away as Best in Long Gown and Miss Popular. Jhasmin Toledo who won the Miss RP-USA Universe title was like a Greek goddess in her glorious bejeweled white gown and has the semblance of a young Angelina Jolie. Karhisa Medina, wearing a dramatic black ensemble was named Miss RP-International 2009 and reminds me of Filipina actress Iwa Moto.

This year's Mrs. RP-USA 2009 is Ceres Dela Paz who used to be a flight stewardess and who is now a realtor, was wearing a Maria Clara-inspired piece that was intricately designed in the Philippines. Anita Dungca and Mylah Spears won as Mrs. RP-USA Universe and Mrs. RP-USA International respectively.

Joshua Farinas was in his handsome best when he walked away with the title of Mr. RP-USA 2009. He can be another matinee idol in the making with his smile that can make any collegial swoon in admiration. Angelo Pangilinan on the hand, won as Little Mr. RP-USA 2009.

Little Miss RP-USA 2009 is Clarina Eleanor Camicia, and was in her cutest form when she smiled and posed for pictures. Anna Amador,

Jaylynn Narayan and Karen Jabson were named Little Miss RP-USA Universe, International and Asia respectively.

The sole performer for the night was Celebrity Star Entertainer of the Year awardee, Divo Bayer, who despite some technical problems with the sound system, triumphed his way to the audience's hearts when he belted out Andrea Bocelli's aria, Nessun Dorma and his own version of The Prayer. It was a short performance but the audience was all eyes and ears the whole time. He is really an artist with a powerful voice to reckon with.

Our dear Senator Leland Yee was present to recognize and congratulate all the candidates and awardees. Also present were Tourism Director Rene delos Santos, State Commissioner Ray Satorre, beauty queens Zeny Lutao Sarmiento, Leilani Venegas Atis, Irene Chapa, Lilwyn Pascua and Christine Acha to support the event. The whole affair was hosted by Mrs. RP-USA International Marilen Bernardo and Daly City Councilman David Canepa.

It was also my birthday celebration last Saturday, May 30, and my sincerest thanks to all who helped make the event one of the most well-attended like fashionable lady Jett Viray Navarro, Gil Navarro, Claire Viray, pageant director and writer Noel Nuguit, Jeannette Alminez, Flor Rennock, Marc Garvida, Jessie Marinas, Elaine Estabrooks, Aida Marinas, Bituin Ignacio, Gloria Nielsen, Linda Standcliff, Elvie Angeles, Marvin Nuguit, Judith Nuguit and many others. ■



Senator Leland Yee presented a Certificate of Recognition from the California Senate to beauty impresario Ferdie Villar last May 30, on his 72nd birthday at the Philippine Carnival of Beauties 2009 Proclamation and Coronation Ball at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. In photo are (L-R) beauty queen Marilen Bernardo, Tourism Director of the Philippine Consulate General Rene delos Santos, Senator Yee, Ferdie Villar, Alice Gabriela Atienza, Cora Garvida, California State Commissioner Ray Satorre and Daly City Councilman David Canepa.



Jett Viray Navarro, grand dame of Club Royale International Foundation, is shown delivering her Welcome Address to the guests who attended the biggest social event of the Filipino-American community here in the Bay Area held last May 30, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco, while Mrs. RP-USA International Marilen Bernardo and Daly City Councilman David Canepa looks on.



Ceres Delapaz of San Bruno, is shown was crowned by Ilwyn Pascua, Mrs. RP-USA 2008 during the proclamation and coronation last May 30. Looking on as Mrs. Delapaz receives her crown is Senator Leland Yee.



Recipients of this year's Celebrity Star Awards are shown in photo with Senator Leland Yee holding their respective trophies, (L-R) Rolly and Yolly Cruz Cayabyab, Divo Bayer, Susan Pacifico, Annabelle Guevarra, Perla Valencia, Tessie Labitoria, Maria Yabut and beauty impresario Ferdie Villar, awards committee chairman.



Divo Bayer, chosen as Celebrity Star Award's Entertainer of the Year, is shown receiving his trophy from Senator Leland Yee while beauty impresario Ferdie Villar, executive producer of the Philippine Carnival of Beauties 2009 looks on.



Trina Dimaranan, an exotic kayumanggi-kaligatan beauty from San Leandro, was proclaimed and crowned as Miss RP-USA 2009 during the Philippine Carnival of Beauties last May 30 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco.



Claina Camisa, daughter of Edna Camicia of Daly City is shown receiving her crown as the new Little Miss RP-USA 2009 from Jaida Marinas, outgoing Little Miss RP-USA.



Joshua Farinas of Fremont, was selected as this year's Mr. RP-USA for 2009.



Angelo Pangilinan, son of Maria Pangilinan of South San Francisco, was chosen as Little Mr. RP-USA 2009. Shown in photo with Mario is former Little Mr. RP-USA winner Medhi Mehr and former Mrs. RP-USA World Zeny Lutao Sarmiento.



Loyda Viray David celebrated her birthday las Monday, June 1 with a dinner party given by her family at the International Chinese Restaurant in South San Francisco. Mrs. David is a well known community leader in the Bay Area.

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