

## Family Appointment with Yahweh El Shaddai

EVERYONE is invited to join a family appointment with Yahweh El Shaddai, the God who is more than enough where Jesus Christ is Lord, on the first, second and third Saturdays of the month from 6:30-9pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in 2020 East San Antonio Street, San Jose CA 95116.

For more information, please contact Ann Pascua at (408) 987-9610. ■

## See Alleluia dance in 'IBIG: Pulse of Desire' on July 18 & 19

IF you missed Al Robles' Memorial Celebration at SOMARTS in May, then the last time you saw Alleluia Panis dance was over eight years ago. Well, guess what, folks? If you've been missing some Alleluia, then all your dreams are about to come true! Witness our fearless leader pirouette, extend her legs, kick her heels and roll around on stage to tunes like Jimmy Hendrix's *Angel* in the World Premiere of her newest dance theater work, *IBIG: Pulse of Desire*, on July 18 and 19, Saturday and Sunday, 1-2pm at the Yerba Buena Gardens, Esplanade (in front of MLK Waterfall) as part of the Yerba Buena Gardens Festival!

Don't miss this monumental performance, directed by Sean San Jose, which includes the soul-bending vocals of Dwayne Calizo, the graceful athleticism of Philippine martial artist, Gregory Manalo, the flight and fury of ballerina extraordinaire, Alexandria Diaz Defato, evocative prose and vocals by Kyle de Ocerca, and the passionate strumming of multi-instrumentalist, Ron Quesada!

The world premiere of the newest dance theater work by director/choreographer Alleluia Panis, in collaboration with director Sean San Jose, and vocalist/composer Dwayne Calizo, featuring works by Filipino-American poets/storytellers Bayani Mariano and Oscar Peñaranda. Combining the physicality of contemporary dance, the exquisite articulation of traditional dance, and the muscular grace of eskrima, Alleluia Panis creates the heat and passion of forbidden love based in the life and work of iconic 1970's Filipino American poet Bayani Mariano.

Enshrouded in mystery, Fate (Alleluia Panis), the angel of grace, hovers bearing witness as lovers, Eli (Alexandria Diaz Defato) and Bayani (Gregory Manalo)—lonely and displaced, thrown together in San Francisco's urban landscape of invisible immigrants—become mentally unhinged by the forceful and relentless pulse of life's desire.

The music is in the traditional Filipino kundiman style, with the '70s sounds of R&B, Gospel, and jazz. Dwayne Calizo's exquisite voice evokes the sounds of the times with snarling ferocity one moment then wrenchingly sorrowful the next.

For more information, log on to [www.kularts.org](http://www.kularts.org). ■

## Essential Negotiations Workshop

Continuing education opportunity benefiting KAYA

KAYA, a grassroots organization whose mission is to mobilize the Filipino-American community and build partnerships to increase our electoral power, advocate policies that affect our community, and develop leaders to represent us at every level of government, has partnered with Tim M. Dayonot at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business (and KAYA member), to offer you a full-day intensive and interactive workshop on improving negotiations skills at work, in business, and in government on Saturday, August 15, in San Francisco.

Build upon your leadership skills, get your continuing education credit, and learn to ne-

gotiate like a pro while helping KAYA at the same time.

Learn how to:

- Increase negotiating power
- Avoid common mistakes
- Prepare effectively for any negotiation
- Get the best value when buying or selling goods or services
- Defend against common tricks & ploys
- Resolve conflicts at home and work
- Negotiate public policy, governmental and community disputes

Registration and further information to follow. You can also log on to [www.KAYAGrassroots.org](http://www.KAYAGrassroots.org). Proceeds benefit KAYA. ■

## UP Beta Sigma Fraternity (NorCal chapter) 26th Foundation and Grand Reunion

THE University of the Philippines Beta Sigma Fraternity Northern California chapter held its 26th Foundation and Grand Reunion at San Francisco last May 23 to 25. It was attended by 260 guests from various parts of the globe. Among the guests were National Network president Rolly Reyes, (co-founder) Atty. Rico Arranz, Tariff Commissioner Ed and Rose Abon, Filipino businessmen Eding and Barbara Hizon, Dante Fagar, Ed Cheng, Bobby Manansala, Buddy Curameng, Bernie and Bing Bantigue, and Greg and Boy Palis. From Canada came the clan of first president Jesus Jayme led by Mrs. Leonor Jayme and JJ Jayme, Dr. Noli Nolasco, and Art de Vera. From Australia came Bal and Bing Villanueva, and from Costa Rica, Dave David.

There were the "first timer" attendees—Drs. Pat and Lisa Gonzales, Jun Reyes, Drs. Rey and Anna Resurreccion, Maeng and Jenny Ramirez, US Air Force Col. Jim and Teresa Gonzalvo, Tony Martinez, Orlino Ancheta, Jess and Fe Monzon, Dr. Angie and Jo Garbes, Jun and Andrea Samaniego, Tito Garcia, Wally Rodriguez, Kay Symons, Manny Casaclang, Dr. Caloy and Cora las Marias, Ernie and Eva Igot, Bob Lorenzo, Ted and Ling Quijano, Dr Peter de Guzman, Lem and Lorene Michelena.

There were Sigma Betans, Dr. Edith Oliiva, Marie Ganchorre and Marivi Lawas. Of course the "locals" were there—UP Beta Sigma So Cal led by Dr. Frank Mamaril, Federation president Sonny Pagador, San Francisco GP Dutch Aragones, West-

ern USA GP Jet Salas, Northwest USA GP Cosme Santiago.

Several VSF's (very special friends) of the fraternity from San Francisco Fil-Am community came, like Prof. JunJun Villegas, Gemma Nemenzo and son, Mike, Timmy and Carmen Meneses.

For three days, the group was transported back in time, reminiscing their campus activities in the Philippine Collegian, Student Government, ROTC, in musicals like Folkways, South Pacific, cultural plays like Becket, Batingao and many more, in special events like the Hay Ride, the Lantern Parade, the Harana, in sporting events like Rodeo Tumbleweeds, School of Martial Arts, Basketball, Chess and many more. Beta Sigma is a university fraternity that has given birth to numerous TOYM awardees. Its various chapters are active in community projects in the Philippines.

The first day was the Hospitality Night where guests were welcomed. It began with a mass officiated by Father Mark Reburiano and a celebration of life powerpoint presentation. There were tears shed as they paid tribute to fraternity brothers that have gone before us—recalling their lives, deeds and friendship. A very touching message was given by Evelyn Jayme Amurao on behalf of the families.

The morning of the second day was devoted to several sporting events—golf, bowling, billiards and a Catamaran cruise. In the afternoon was the conference of the UPBSFI. The conference talked about the

vision of the group and projects at hand. In the evening was the Grand Fraternity Ball. Founder Rico Arranz provided the Inspirational Message challenging the members to be true to the principles and beliefs of the fraternity. It was "back to basics" message—a call to excellence and—"cultivating the seeds of love, and uprooting the weeds of hatred, avarice and envy." In his response, Dr. Ed Quisumbing assured Arranz that the current breed of members will remain faithful and loyal to the ideals of the founding brothers. Gerry Abenes, PhD. was given the Achievement Award in the field of Medical Research for his works on the cytomegalovirus (herpes) virus. Abenes has a post-doctoral degree from Stanford and works at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. Incoming Grand Prince Manolo Banzon UPLB, and the set of officers for 2009-2011 were inducted into office. In his speech, he appealed to the fraternity brothers to be active in the rebuilding and making UP Beta Sigma relevant to the student body of the University of the Philippines.

The third day was a Send Off picnic. The guests assembled in "full force" at Boothbay Park in Foster City to continue the "kwentuhan," "alaskahan," and "bidahan." The group did not want to break up and time stood still. However, with only several hours of sleep and finally exhausted, some had to leave. It was not "goodbye" but "till we meet again."

Truly, the Betan spirit lives! ■

## Mid-Summer Interlude

A benefit concert featuring cellist Wilfredo C. Pasamba with the Mater Dolorosa Hallelujah Chorale and assisting artist Angelita C. Pasamba

MATER Dolorosa Music Ministry presents internationally renowned cellist, Wilfredo C. Pasamba, in a summertime benefit concert on July 11, Saturday, 7:30pm at the Mater Dolorosa Church, 307 Willow Ave., South San Francisco. The illustrious Filipino soloist and chamber musician makes a return visit to the Bay Area while taking a break from his latest stints as current member of the Omaha, and Des Moines Symphony Orchestras.

Educated at prestigious music schools such as Juilliard, and the Moscow State Conservatory, Pasamba will include in his repertoire works of Cassado, Mendelssohn, Dvorak, Chopin, Rimsky-Korsakov, among others, and Filipino composers, Abelardo and Cenizal.

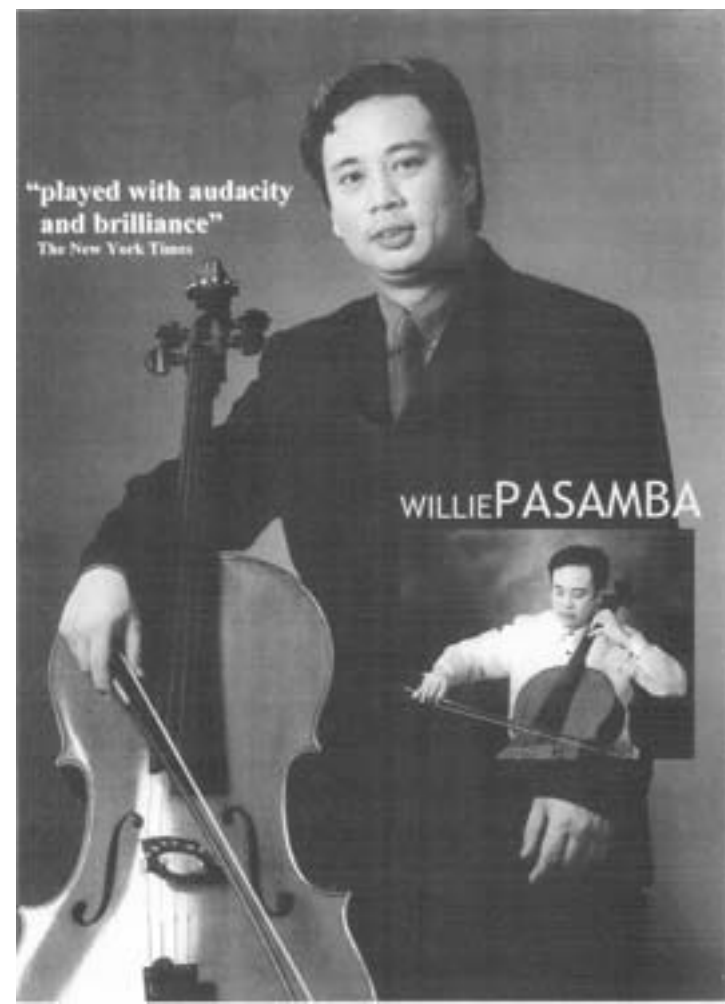
The Philippine-born cellist has been a recipient of top prize awards such as the Jennings Butterfield Young Artist Competition, National Music Competition for Young Artist, Reno Chamber Orchestra Competition, Juilliard Cello Concerto Competition and a semi-finalist in the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow.

*The New York Times* hailed him for his "...audacity and brilliance.." after his New York debut at Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall. Since then he has appeared in concerts at the Merkin Hall, Metropolitan Museum, and Alice Tully Hall. He has attended music festivals in Tanglewood, Norfolk Bowdoin, Ithaca Viloncello Institute and a conducting fellowship in South Carolina. Pasamba has performed in cello master classes of Colin Carr, Bonnie Hampton, Aldo Parisot, Bion Tsang, Lawrence Lesser, Michael Grebanier, Carter Brey, as well as orchestral conducting with Donald Portnoy and Paul Vermeil. He has collaborated with conductor Basilio Manalo, Michael Palmer, Pierre Gamba, Ruggero Barbieri, and Vahe Kochayan among others. As an active chamber musician, he has performed and collaborated with Peter Wiley, Ani Kavafian, and Benny Kim and with artist members of the Beaux Arts, Argenta Trios, and with the Alexander, Orion and Ying String Quartets. He was the cellist and founder of the Battig Piano Trio.

Pasamba received his degrees from Moscow State Conservatory, University of Missouri Conservatory of Music and at Juilliard. Trained by master cellists Natalia Shakhovskaya, Carter Enyeart, Einar Holm and Fred Sherry. Previously, he has served as an adjunct faculty member of Pittsburg State University and the University of Missouri-Kansas City Music and Dance Academy, and as an assistant professor at the University of the Philippines College of Music.

Pasamba performs on a cello made in 2001 by renowned Chicago violinmaker Bronek Cison, with a bow by Paul Martin Siefried.

Musical Director of the Hallelujah Chorale, and of Mater Dolorosa



Church, Angelita Pasamba, will assist Mr. Pasamba at the piano. Mrs. Pasamba, an extraordinary teacher, pianist, arranger, conductor, last but not least mother of the musical Pasamba family, is well-known in the Bay Area and New York for her many years of involvement with parish choirs. And the way she is able to extract from non-professional singers high quality voices and choral performances. Mrs. Pasamba holds a Master's degree in Music Education from Central Escolar University (Manila), and a Bachelor of Arts in Music from the University of the Philippines. She is a member of the Mu Phi Epsilon International Professional Music Fraternity and the Washington, DC-based National association of Pastoral Musicians.

Tickets are \$15 at the door, children ages 5 and under are free. For ticket information please contact the Parish Office at (650) 583-4131, the Event Committee (650) 994-3214 or email [MDCenter09@yahoo.com](mailto:MDCenter09@yahoo.com) ■

## Language Day celebration



THE Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) in Presidio of Monterey celebrated its annual Language Day last May 15, 2009. Over 1100 students from local areas came and joined the faculty and staff to this remarkable event.

Each department presented their culture through various ways. Guests were imbued with spectacular songs and dances. There were classroom

demonstrations attended by high school students from different areas. The cultural displays that were well-arranged gave the guests an ambiance of every country.

The Tagalog department as part of Asian I School did an exceptional job. Non-Tagalog speakers danced the Tinikling graciously. This was not an easy dance, as dancers performed between two long poles that are clapped in time to the music

and with rotations. The DLIFLC students had the opportunity to be an instructor, teaching the basic concepts of the Tagalog language.

The cultural display comprised of authentic products like the *banig*, *barong Tagalog*, *baro at saya*, and wooden products such as the *bakya*, religious items, and miniature things. We showcased our decorations made of wood and seashell. It feels like home when you see shirts with unique

designs and made only in the Philippines. Guests were also introduced to the Philippines' public transportation icons—the jeepney, tricycle, pedicab and *kalesa*. A real money bill was on the display as well. Guests had experienced writing their names using the *alibata*—the ancient alphabet, and tasted the *kalamam-C* mint and pineapple-mango candies as they walked out of the door.

DLIFLC would like to the



cooperation and participation of the faculty members and students. This event was a success and an epitome of how Language Day is celebrated. Hopefully, next year more people could come to witness the Language Day celebration. ■

## Filipino-American Democratic Caucus of the CA Democratic Party

SAN FRANCISCO—As part of a new statewide initiative, the Filipino-American Democratic Caucus (FADC) of the California Democratic Party is reviving local Filipino-American Democratic Clubs in selected California counties. The first area being targeted is Alameda County.

Timothy Dayonot, the Northern California Chair of the FADC, is leading this effort in Northern California. "Alameda County has a large Filipino-American population who are registered Democrats and several years ago, had a vibrant and active Fil-Am Democratic club. It is time to bring this group back to life. We invite Fil-Am Democrats who live in Alameda County to attend the revival meeting of this club." Dr. Jennifer Ong of Hayward is also helping coordinate this event.

The revival meeting will take place in Hayward on Saturday, July 11, 2009, from 3-4pm at the La Paradis Restaurant, 22809 Mission Blvd., (off "D" Street, parking in rear). Snacks and light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP at [t\\_dayonot@yahoo.com](mailto:t_dayonot@yahoo.com) or [drjenniferong@gmail.com](mailto:drjenniferong@gmail.com). ■