

# THE RAPIDS NEWSLETTER

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## From the Editor's Desk...

The nightmare of every editor / publisher, when printing deadline approaches, is the sensitive task of deciding which articles to omit or edit for conciseness to fit into the almost always limited space of any publications. I envy them for I have an even more difficult task – finding some articles that can fill up the spaces that I have. Sure, I can fill up all the spaces with my own writings but I am afraid that if I do so, we might quickly lose readership of this newsletter.

On our Fiesta Celebration this coming December 12, we will once again select the club officers that will lead us for the next two years. This is an occasion one should not miss. This is an opportunity for you to nominate and vote for the persons you believe can serve the club well. We need the active involvement of all concerned, hardworking, talented Pagsanjenos in our leadership profile.

If you want to attend the monthly meeting of officers, call **Norma Maceda Gatpayat at (619)492-2065** for meeting venues and dates.

We urge the membership to share their views with our kababayans. Do not worry about the format of your articles. Give us your points of view and we will do the rest. You will be surprised how your articles can quickly start inciting interests among Pagsanjenos.

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## President's Message...

Once again, we saw the continued support of the members when we celebrated our Silver Anniversary last July 17, 2004. Almost all the past presidents attended the occasion. I am impressed by the way the Pagsanjeno spirit has evolved among the members. The next Grand Reunion in 2005 will be held in San Francisco. We look forward to seeing each other on this occasion.

The Pagsanjan Club will conduct its Christmas Caroling on December 11. The next day, we hope to see you all as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Through the club, we saw the traditions and rich heritage of Pagsanjan being passed on from one generation to next. We want to keep it alive. We, therefore, ask you to join us during the Fiesta celebration on December 12, where we will also elect the new club officers.

I can't believe it has been two years since I assumed the presidency. Having worked very closely with our kababayans during my term, I saw the dedication and enthusiasm typical of a Pagsanjeno in all of you. The notable successes of our members in their various endeavors failed to dampen their desires to be generous and always willing to accommodate.

It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to have served the Pagsanjenos!

• **Gloria Apolo Dinfotan,**  
**President**

## Silver Anniversary Celebration

July 17, 2004 became a significant date in the club's history. We celebrated our silver anniversary at the very spacious, well laid out Clubhouse 2 of Leisure World in Laguna Woods. As expected, we saw a gathering of Pagsanjenos from San Francisco in the north to San Diego in the south.

Honored were the past presidents of the club. Also recognized were the present officers who all worked very hard to assure the affair's success.

**Cresing & Arthur Aquino** delighted the crowd with their rendition of "Mutya ng Pasig". **Ka Ansing Nadera** belted out his "Kundimans" and brought the house down with his "Ang Dalagang Hindi Nagkaroon Ng Kasintahan". The clubhouse walls almost shattered when **Tony Aquino** sang his "Paloma".

President **Glo Dinfotan** awarded **Tony Aquino** and **Lib Opelanio Ramos** with plaques of recognition for their exemplary contribution to the club.

The countdown for the 2005 Pagsanjan Grand Reunion started when **Alvin Aquino** announced that it will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in a San Francisco suburb on July 15 – 17, 2005. Updates may be viewed from the Pagsanjan.org website. See related article for more details.

Thank you to **Pianing & Livia Limplengco**, residents of Leisure World, for arranging the use of the clubhouse.●

## 2004 Fiesta Celebration....

In keeping up with tradition, we will once again celebrate the feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. The affair will be held at **The Chateau Blanc Townhomes at 18650 Brookhurst Ave, Fountain Valley, CA 92708** from noon to midnight on **Sunday, December 12, 2004**. This is a club affair! No fees are required to attend. There will be no invitations to be mailed out. However, just to make sure that there will be enough food for everyone, we request you to call **Marina V. Garcia at (714) 775-7160 no later than November 26, 2004** to let her know the number of persons in your household that will be attending. There will be a lot of exciting prizes to be given away. We will even have some games where you could win cash prizes.

During this gathering, we will also elect our new set of officers that will lead the club for the next two years. Make sure your voice is heard. Help us select the best from the many qualified Pagsanjenos who can carry on with the objectives of the club.

We want to see you all! Please join us!

## Wild thoughts.....

Hindi ka dapat mabahala kung sa tuwing ikaw ay madarapa ay agad kang bumabangon. Ang dapat mong ikabahala ay kung sa tuwing ikaw ay babangon ay agad kang nadarapa.

Hindi dapat aksayahin ang panahon sa daigdig. Kapag ito'y nakalipas ay hindi na magbabalik.

Wealth is influenced by two opposing propensities – the propensity to save and the propensity to spend. How much we save depends on how we distinguish our needs against our wants.

## New Scholars....

**Arlyn Rodriguez**, a high school freshman at Pagsanjan Academy, is our new high school scholar.

**Raquel Habijan**, Valedictorian of Maulawin National High School Class 2004, is our new college scholar starting on the second semester of 2004-2005.

These two deserving students join our two other scholars namely: **Juvieann Mogol** and **Rhea Marie Malonzo**, both high school juniors.

## Fun Time At The Caribbean....

Last August, 2004, in between two big hurricanes that hit the State of Florida, a group of 37 Pagsanjenos together with families and friends, went on a one week Caribbean cruise aboard the Carnival Cruise Ship "Paradise".

The group started from Miami and visited the islands of Belize, Isla Rotan, Cozumel, and the Grand Caymans. They were a big hit when they decided to wear our traditional Filipiniana outfit at one of the formal dinner on aboard the ship.

Part of the group were Lori and Pipo Buencamino, Hermie and Linda Caballes, Ed and Merle Cabrera, Bobbie and Mer Concepcion, Gloria Dinfotan and friend Zenaida, Bernard and Daisy Fernandez, Mon and Marina Villarica, Norma and Fred Gatpayat, Lib and Rick Ramos, Connie and Orly Reyes, Mario and Lita Reodica.

The group had so much fun being together that they are now planning on taking another cruise, possibly to the Mediterranean. We will announce more details on the next cruise on future issues of this newsletter.

## Outstanding Pagsanjenos....

The search is on for Pagsanjenos who have distinguished themselves in their chosen fields. If you know a kababayan worthy of this recognition, send a detailed write up about your nominee to **Marina V. Garcia at 11074 Stonecress Ave., Fountain Valley, CA 92708, [Monrina@hotmail.com](mailto:Monrina@hotmail.com)**. We intend to honor these individuals during the Grand Reunion in San Francisco next year.

## 2005 Pagsanjan Grand Reunion

Date: July 15, 16, & 17, 2005

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel

San Francisco Int'l Airport

1177 Airport Boulevard

Burlingame, CA 94010

Room Rate: \$89.00 per night, double occupancy, checkout at noon on July 18, 2005. For reservations, call (650) 342-9200 or (800) 411-7275

## Ooops.....

**Mario Reodica** overheard his wife, **Lita**, talking on the phone in their bedroom one night. She said "Hila-hilahin mo lang, titigas din iyan. Pero huwag mong masyadong sasakalin ng tali at baka pumutok eh hindi mo na mapapatigas uli." Mario said "Mom, bakit mo ibinubulgar ang sekreto natin? Sino ba ang kausap mo? It turned out **Lita** was teaching **Mer Concepcion** how to prepare the Morcon for the Oct. 17 potluck meeting.

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