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From the Editor's Desk...

Each issue of your newsletter is becoming a labor of love. Soon after each release, I often hear people say – I love the newsletter, can I send in some articles? Of course my reply is – I would love to see and print your articles and I would love it very much if you can send it before the next release! Then all of a sudden love is lost! In the meantime, my search for printable articles continues and if my search fails, I'll just say – I love to write!

Do you have any news to share? Do you have any stories to tell? Do you have any questions to ask? I love to listen and answer and write them for you.

You may send your news articles to:
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Outstanding Pagsanjenos....

The search is on for Pagsanjenos who have distinguished themselves in their chosen fields and/or community services. 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**.

We intend to honor these individuals during the Grand Reunion in San Francisco in July, 2005. See related article for details●

President's Message...

The grand reunion in San Francisco is fast approaching. I know that a lot of us have already decided that we are not going to miss this opportunity to meet all the Pagsanjenos that are attending. The members of the Organizing Committee are now working on high gears to make sure that you will have a most thrilling experience.

They are requesting all our kababayans to send in their payments for the dinner / dance or at least firm up their commitments to attend as they would like to make their final preparations. We all know that planning for an event as big as this one requires a lot of preparation and cost.

Let us show them that we share their expectations by responding soonest. See you in San Francisco!

Marina Villarica Garcia
President

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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: \$79.00 per night, double occupancy, checkout at noon on July 18, 2005 (limited availability). For reservations, call (650) 342-9200 or (800) 411-7275

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Have you ever felt that your good deeds go unnoticed but when you goof, everybody is on your throat?

Membership Drive ...

There is strength in numbers! This is what we normally hear when we embark on anything that requires collective efforts. For many years, we have dedicated ourselves in serving the needs of some people back home. We are happy that we are able to help. We delight in seeing those who benefit from our efforts being able to look at the future with hope and enthusiasm. Suddenly, there is an uproar that we should do more. We need to do more!

We thought of appealing to all Pagsanjenos in California to help us with their membership fees. If only each family will send in their \$20.00 tax deductible annual fee, we can do a lot.

Then we remembered that there are a lot more Pagsanjenos in North America who are willing to help but do not have the organization that will do it for them. Here comes your club!

We decided to invite all Pagsanjenos everywhere to join us so that collectively, we will be able to do more. A committee was formed to spearhead this drive. To make the appeal more effective, we chose three adopted sons of Pagsanjan to be the committee members namely: Rick Ramos, Chair and Freddie Gatpayat and Pipo Buencamino, members.

Within the coming months, we will drum up this drive and we are confident that we will soon see one organization able to serve our kababayans in a much greater capacity. ●

Pagsanjan Is Changing ...

Have you been to Pagsanjan lately? If you have not visited Pagsanjan during the last five years, you will be delighted to know the many changes as seen by our observers.

The GSIS Regional Office has moved to its new building in Sambat. Close by and under construction is the office building of SSS. Across the street on the same junction is a Jollibee fast foods restaurant. A new wet & dry market is also operational along the same vicinity catering not only to residents of Pagsanjan but also of the neighboring towns of Magdalena, Majayjay, Nagcarlan, Liliw, Cavinti, Luisiana and all the towns of the Baybay region.

With these developments, it is very likely that we could see Pagsanjan as the center of trade and commerce in Laguna once again.

The shopping center along Mabini Street by the vicinity of the Aglipayan Church has relocated to the new market in Sambat. A new talipapa style market is emerging in Maulawin at the site of the former residence of Ms. Conchita Yan.

Along Rizal Street, there are several restaurants and refreshment parlors among which are eateries like "Lampas" and "Foreplay".

While we can all delight with the improvements that we see, they do not come without a cost. It was observed, for example, that town folks are no longer awakened by the "tilaok ng manok" in the early mornings but by the sounds emitted by the tricycles plying their trade almost 24 hours a day. Along with the noise comes air pollution and the traffic jams in certain sections.

All these, plus the waiting love ones, should excite everyone and plan on a trip to our hometown. ●

Paskuhan Sa Moreno Valley ...

More than 100 relatives and friends gathered at the residence of Tony & Crising Aquino in Moreno Valley last Christmas day for a traditional family reunion. The affair included gift giving to older folks, exchange gifts for each family, singing Christmas carols, and vocal renditions by the children. Those present were:

Pete Abrian & family from San Francisco

Linda Aquino, her children and grandchildren from San Diego

J R Abrian's children from Los Angeles

The Reodica family from Azusa

Eddie Abrian from Glendora

Ella & Ely Nicandro and family from Glendora

Roger Aquino and family from Azusa

Nora and Ruben Cabreza from Azusa

Roderick Aquino and family from Moreno Valley

Mary Aquino Umali and family from Moreno Valley

This early, they are already planning for another one. ●

Mga Bansag ...

Because of so many similar names, some individuals and sometimes a whole family are better identified with a call tag or "bansag". Here are some that I recalled:

Abet Tabo, Ading Tagpe, Adong Pusong, Arthur Bukol, Baldong Aswang, Belong Panghe, Ben Daga, Ben Karbon, Bertong Manok, Didong Panutsa, Doming Kirat, Enchong Watawat, Eri Kawali, Joseng Piyak, Joseng Talande, Juan Taling, Juliong Barurary, Kikoy Utot, Maning Bulo, Mindang Kalabaw, Momoy Tuge, Narding Poon, Nardong Kayog, Pedong Matsing, Pedrong Tigite, Peles Botuwa, Pepe Panga, Pepeng Sagasa, Poldong Bilog, Ramon Ubod, Rely Kunat, Salong Kuwating, Sebyong Ligalig,

Selong Bongkol, Sendong Labanos, Sosing Barako, Temyong Kanduli, Trining Parol ●

Club Officers For 2005 – 2006

On December 12, 2004, the general membership elected the new set of officers to serve your club for the next two years. Elected were:

Marina V. Garcia

President

Norma M. Gatpayat

Vice President

Rodel B. Ual

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Assistant Secretary

Cynthia C. Rivera

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Marlene C. Concepcion

Assistant Treasurer

Mario Reodica

Sergeant at Arms

Ely Trinidad

P.R.O.

Roger N. Aquino

Events Coordinator

Elma L. Ang

Events Coordinator

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Obituaries

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of the following departed Pagsanjenos:

Jose "Peping" Zalamea, PA '60

Jaime "Totoy" Abaquin, PA '60

Digno Zalamea, Father of Ellen Z. Aquino

Gregorio "Goyo" Zaguirre

Pepita Roldan

Fely Perez, Mother of Mila Perez, Valbuena, PA '61

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