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From the Editor's Desk...

Along with the membership drive, we decided to send a copy of this newsletter to all Pagsanjenos whose addresses are known to us. If you know some kababayans who did not receive their copies, kindly send us their names and addresses and we will make sure that they are included in our mailing list.

If you have anything newsworthy that you want our kababayans to know, we will gladly include them in succeeding issues.

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Casino Night in San Diego...

Pipo & Lorie Buencamino played hosts to Pagsanjenos and their guests at a fund raising event in their Chula Vista Residence last August 20. In what started as a sleepy early afternoon became a fun-filled evening with games like mahjong, poker, and bingo. In addition to the funds generated, everybody had fun exchanging pleasantries. Seen for the first time in club gatherings were **Bella Bernardo** from Crisostomo Street and **Rene Marqueses**, from Baranggay Magdapio. No big winners emerged from among the players. The club generated a modest addition to its funds reserve. ●

Forthcoming Activities

12/03/05 – X'mas Caroling – San Diego

12/11/05 – Fiesta Celebration in Fountain Valley, California

Monthly Meetings – Call Rodel at (562) 355-6153 or email him at the above address for the dates and venues

President's Message

The end of 2005 will be the halfway mark of my term as President of the Pagsanjan Club.

Besides the monthly meetings that we hold, the Club's activities are geared toward raising funds to support our scholarship and charitable programs. We conducted two casino nights, one in Los Angeles and the other in San Diego. We sold seven complete sets of used computers donated by ConAgra Foods, Inc. Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy computers for our schools in Pagsanjan.

The membership drive, spearheaded by **Rick Ramos, Fred Gatpayat & Pipo Buencamino** generated 45 new members. The membership fees paid by the new members will support one college and one high school scholars. The Club currently supports the following scholars:

Arlyn Rodriguez -2nd Year, HS
Rhea Malonzo – 4th Year, HS
Juvianne Mogul-4th Year, HS
Rachel Habijan-2nd Yr. College

The Club is very proud that two of its scholars have graduated from college. They are Iris Penaverde, BS Computer Science, Cum Laude, and Freddie Babaan, Merchant Marine. Iris is with a prestigious bank in the Philippines while Freddie is with Negros Navigation.

We will be celebrating our town fiesta in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 11, 2005 at the **Chateau Blanc Townhomes, 18650 Brookhurst Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708** It will be a pot luck lunch. We hope to see you there. Call me at (714) 775-7160 for more details.

On behalf of all the officers of the Pagsanjan Club, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy 2006.

Marina Villarica Garcia
President

Membership Drive Update...

We say "Thank You Very Much" to those who responded to our appeal for involvement with the club.

Judging from the number of responses to our membership drive, we proved what we believed to be the one inherent trait of all Pagsanjenos, the desire to help our kababayans back home.

Now that we have your support, we can start formulating projects that will benefit our disadvantaged kababayans more. Some of you even suggested certain specific projects like a medical mission where we will bring home a team of medical practitioners to attend to the surgical and other medical needs of our people. Initial talks with those who have undertaken similar missions revealed that this requires over a year of planning and a huge financial outlay for medicines and equipment. Others would like to see that the needs of our youth who are involved in activities like the Boy & Girl Scouts be addressed. We are also looking at helping re-pave the streets at the Francisco Benitez Memorial School, which have been severely damaged by the roots of the trees lining the streets.

Indeed, there are a lot of needs that we want to satisfy. How far can we go will depend on how all of us commit to be involved in these activities.

We will continue our drive until all the Pagsanjenos in North America have been reached.

We will keep you updated on all the projects that we will pursue and we certainly encourage you to suggest any other ways we can help. ●

Pagsanjan Grand Reunion 2005...

We extend our congratulations to all the members of the Reunion Organizing Committee in San Francisco. Their hard work and dedi-

Pagsanjan Grand Reunion.. Cont...

cation were rewarded with a tremendous success. The activities were well organized and if there were some snags here and there, they became transparent to the attendees.

While the organizing committee did their job well, credit equally goes to all the Pagsanjenos, their relatives and friends, who graced the occasion.

After the welcome reception, **Tony Aquino** invited everybody to his own suite for his birthday celebration. A couple of times, the hotel manager had to try to disperse his guests due to overcrowding and the noise. While most of his guests left before midnight, we learned that **Hermie Caballes** provided **Tony** company till almost 4:00 in the morning.

The dinner / dance brought back memories of the annual field days at the Pagsanjan Academy with the cultural presentation by the **Kariktan Dance Company** starring the three daughters of **Alvin & Lody Aquino** and about a dozen other excellently trained performers.

The finale was a picnic at Coyote Park which was highlighted by a consensus to hold the 2007 reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada and the 2009 affair in San Antonio, Texas.●

Guest Article...

By : **Dioscoro Z. Llamas**

The goodness that springs from the Pagsanjan Club of California inspires the writer to come out with this article. It had not been easy to choose the topics that will do justice to his readers, since he is cautioned by the fact that the eye of the writer is only as keen as what is or are at the tip of his pen.

Upon viewing the age composition of the members and officers of the club, there is no telling that majority are close to or past the golden age with a leaning probably on the latter. The club is only as healthy and productive as how it can pass it on to the younger breed of Pagsanjenos. Ultimately, there will be no more true Pagsanjeno

member. It might be a vanishing class whose noble tasks die out with it.

A special mention is in order for the major contribution to keep the club vigorous, full of life and vibrant. It is with reference to the music, cooperation and hard work given by the Aquino family. **Kudos to the Aquinos !!!** May their tribe increase. Their good jobs have given and are still giving everyone wholesome fun and happiness and much needed sustainability and support especially in the field of music. ●

FBMS Class '56 & PA Class '60 Reunion in the Philippines ...

It is get together time once again for this class which is the most active among graduates of Pagsanjan schools in terms of keeping in touch with one another. What was started as a silver jubilee celebration in 1985 got repeated in 1990, 1995, 2000, 2003, and then again on January 21 & 22, 2006. Already, at least 21 of the 1960 graduates living in the US are going home for next year's event. The reunion organizing committee in Pagsanjan has already started a door to door campaign to make sure that all classmates are reached. The goal is to have 100% of the '56 and '60 classmates still alive to be present in this reunion. Joining this group on the Dinner/Dance on January 21, 2006 are the graduates of Pagsanjan Academy Class '61. This might yet turn out to be the biggest gathering of Pagsanjan Schools alumni ever.●

Sa Taga Pagsanjan Lamang Maririnig.....

Here are some words used only in Pagsanjan and may be in some parts of the southern tagalog region:

Amos, Apanas, Askad, Balentong, Bangbang, Baragan, Bastipol, Batalan, Batingol, Baul, Bayubo, Bibinga, Bingkong, Bithay, Biwas, Buklat, Bulaan, Bulador, Bururos, Diken, Gelang, Gora, Gumaan(malapit nang maging niyog), Guyabin, Hambog, Hampok, Humayo, Kabaak, Kabetang, Kadlo, Kagitna, Kalabog, Kalibkiban, Kalong Kaleng, Kanyapak, Kidya, Kilo (baluktot), Kimaw, Kire, Kulig, Laba (sabaw na isinama sa kanin),

Lawa lawa, Layog, Magayot, Mayabo, Musitera, Nakakaaduwa, Nakakasulo, Ngidngid, Pakaway, Paod, Paragos, Patlay, Patpat, Piyaot, Pulasi, Punggit, Repinado, Sakate, Simpay, Siyense, Subasob, Takad, Taling, Talisod, Tanga (ulalo ng kamote), Tigpos, Tiken, Tuklap, Tumbalelong, Tunga, Uang, Uban, Uhog, Ulo-ulo, Unge, Uok, Upaw, Walandyo..

If you come across more salitang katutubo, please forward them to the Editor and will keep printing them so that we may be re-acquainted with our childhood vocabulary. ●

Three Not So Wise Men...

Three blonde men are stranded on one side of a wide river, and don't know how to get across.

The first man prays to God to make him smart enough to figure out how to cross the river, so God turns him into a brown haired man and he swims across.

The second man prays to God to make him even smarter, so God turns him into a dark haired man and he builds a boat and rows across.

Then the third man prays to God to make him the smartest of all, so God turns him into a woman and he walks across the bridge. ●

Getting rid of a man without hurting his masculinity is a problem. "Get out" and "I never want to see you again" might sound like a challenge. If you want to get rid of a man, I suggest saying, "I love you.. I want to marry you...I want to have your children." Sometimes they leave skid marks. ●

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