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From the Editor's Desk...

This is the fifth issue of your newsletter. It has been the longest running publication of the Pagsanjan Club ever. After each release, people get excited and a lot of ideas about how the newsletter can be made more effective would surface. Unfortunately, the ideas never flourished.

One reaction worth looking at is the frequency of issues. Some suggest that twice a year is a bit too long that people tend to lose interest or simply forget that the newsletter ever existed. A quarterly issue has been suggested and I believe it is worth giving a serious thought.

We are starting to get contributed articles from our readers. We hope this continues so that we may be able to present diversified views from other Pagsanjenos, their relatives and friends.

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Organizational Update

The Pagsanjan Club of California has been renamed **Pagsanjan Club International, Inc.** The change has been approved by the Secretary of State of the state of California. We secured a new Tax ID and filed the applications for tax exemptions. We have already been granted a tax exempt status by the state. The federal tax exemption should come before the end of June, 2006.

All these meant that your Club is a legitimate organization with a proper legal personality. The tax exemptions assure all supporters that their membership fees and other contributions are tax deductible. **The Club's Federal Tax ID (FEIN) is 20-3992405**

Guest Article

By Dioscoro Z. Llamas, Jr.

A look at the organizational structure of the club demonstrates that its leaders and prime movers are very much gifted and talented that nothing is impossible to achieve. There are those born winners and those who succeeded out of their hard work and perseverance. The beauty of our Club is that it taps the varying essential qualities of members in order to meet the needs in having a healthy association

Let us not allow divisiveness and the ancient history or stigma of social stratification in Pagsanjan to hinder the Club's growth and development. Together, with open mindedness, let us work on every aspect that will lead to the betterment of the Club. We may even sacrifice some cherished, personal agendas to realize our goals.

It is high time we get our young generations involved in some of our activities. Get them exposed or make experiences that will make them feel how and what it is to be a Pagsanjeno, thereby inculcating a sense of belonging, appreciation for and dedication to the ideals of the Club.

Featuring member Pagsanjenos in the newsletter every issue could be interesting. It will allow all the readers to re-acquaint themselves with every kababayan. It will foster closeness and camaraderie. Moreover, it will inspire young people to follow certain footsteps and give concern for the aspirations of the Club.

How do we get a wider participation of Pagsanjenos in the Club's affairs? What activities would interest the membership so that they may continue to support the Club? Are there organizational changes worth considering? As we elicit responses to the preceding questions, the final challenge is : Are you ready to hold the reins of the Club and help propel it into the future? ●●●

Class Reunions....

The **FBMS Class 1956 / Pagsanjan Academy Class 1960** held a reunion in Pagsanjan to celebrate their 50th year of graduation from FBMS. Their activities included a parade around town, lunch and programs at the FBMS covered court, dinner dance at the Tropical Inn and a picnic at Villa Elmz. The attendees from the United States were joined by some classmates, families and friends in their side trips to Boracay, Subic, Tagaytay, Pateros, and the metropolitan Manila area. This class is by far the most active as far as getting together starting with the silver anniversary in 1985 followed by reunions in 1990, 1995, 2000, 2003, and 2006 all with a huge turnout. The next reunion is planned for 2008.

Taking advantage of classmates who came home with PA Class '60 Balikbayans, The **Pagsanjan Academy Class 1961** held their own reunion with festivities at the Pagsanjan Rapids Hotel.

Both reunions offered some unforgettable experiences that, this early, some folks are already planning for the next one. ●●●

Personality Corner

Starting this issue, we will be featuring a Pagsanjeno or Pagsanjena to get us acquainted with our kababayans. Our personality for this issue is Connie Edesan Reyes. Connie is one of three children of Gonzalo Edesan and Consuelo Gomez of Garcia Street, more commonly referred to as Tabing-Ilog. She attended FBMS, Pagsanjan Academy, Lyceum of the Philippines and the Far Eastern University. She also studied at the Victor Valley Community College in California. Connie is married to Orlando 'Orly' F. Reyes with whom she has three children namely: Anne Liza, Arthur II, and Vivian. She also has two grandchildren.

She is a Human Resources Assistant for Office Automation at the 95 Mission Support Squadron, Civilian Service of the US Air Force. She has received numerous

awards from the Air Force for performance excellence. She is an active member of the Philippine American Association of the High Desert, the Pilipino Ministry of the High Desert, and the Pagsanjan Club International, Inc. where she is currently the Assistant Secretary.

Her desire for the Club is to have the full support and commitment of all the members and speedy actions on all our undertakings. "Encouraging more kababayans to join in and be actively involved with the Club is one way to help the Club achieve its goals", she said. ●●●

A Math Wizard

Rei Cid Romar "Goggy" Ual, son of **Rey Ual** and **Rosemarie Urriquia**, placed 13th in a field of 645 contestants in the National Mathematics Trainers Guild Competition held in Iloilo City last April 5, 2006. He will represent the Philippines in the Mathematics Olympiad to be held in Indonesia on May 27, 2006. Goggy just finished 6th grade at the Mary Help of Christians School in Binan, Laguna. He will be competing in such disciplines as rapid calculations, problem solving, and mathematical puzzles. Goggy has been selected as the Club's high school scholar starting next school year. ●●●

Dagdag na mga salitang Pagsanjan....

On our last issue, we came up with some words that are uniquely Pagsanjan.. Some members came up with more words that can be heard only in Pagsanjan and neighboring towns. Check them out and be amused.

Adyo, ahot, ampiyas, anos, atang-atang, ayap, bakule, balakbak, balatong, balaw-balaw, bales, balikuko, balugbog, balulang, bami, banas, bangyasan, banlat, banlik, barek, basyo, bayag-kambing, bayate, bolbet, bunganga, ditso, duak, dukal, gara, gasgas, gire, guyam, ikana, kabag (bat), kabling, kaing-buwan, kalamayhate, kaligkig, kampit, kandirit, kapote, katalbo, kawad, kokwa, kuhit, kulilis, kumon, kumpitis, kwitib, lalaugan, lero-lero, luwas, malmado, minukmok, namumualam, newan, paho, pandaw, pang-iwang, pantat, pantiyon, paos, pilantod, pingke, pisngot, sakli, salasad, saltik, samlang, sanaw, sangkutsa, sapal, sinsilyo, susong-dalaga, taklob, talang, talapid, tangkab, tapasan, taptapan, tigite,

tihiwi, tikbo, tikiw, titing-kugon, tubayan, tulyapis, tungaw, uka, uway ●●●

Tula Ni Marilag

Tunay kaya o bunga lang ng damdaming mapagbiro
Na kaya kong ngitian ka kahit ako'y siniphayo
Ganap akong inalipin ng matapat na pagsuyo
Iniwanang humihikbi at ang puso'y nagdurugo

Di magmaliw sa gunita ang panahong kalilipas
Umaapaw ang ligayang halos langit ang katapat
Papano'y ang pagsamong taos pusong inilalahad
Naging bunga ay sumpaang iibigin hanggang wakas

Nagduruyan sa kapal ng busilak na alapaap
Nilalanghap ang bango ng makukulay na bulaklak
Sumasayaw sa huni ng mga ibong nasa gubat
Unti-unting binubuo ang matatag na pangarap

Bakit kaya di nangyaring ang matapat na pagibig
At matamis na suyua'y bakit kaya di lumawig
Bakit kaya hinayaang matanaw ko yaong langit
Na kay bilis nang paglayo habang ako'y lumalapit

Kahit pala maging tapat at marubdob ang suyuan
Ay alagang bulabugin ng maraming alinlangan
Dahilan sa dating irog na hindi mo maiwasan
Sumuko ang damdamin kong di na payag na masaktan

Ngayo'y iyong pinipilit na minsan pa ay magising
At magbangon ang damdaming malaon nang nahihimbing
Ang sumpa mo'y yaong pusong minsa'y naging talusaling
Ay laan nang maging akin, akin lamang hanggang libing

Masisisi mo ba ako kung hindi ko magantihan
Ang lumipas na sintaha'y kung hindi ko mabalikan

Paghihirap ng dibdib ko'y di pa halos naiibsan
Nagdurugo ang puso ko't balisa pa ang isipan

Hayaan mong manumbalik ang sigla ng aking dibdib
Hayaan mong magliwanag ang gulo kong pagiisip
Hayaan mong ang hapdi ng naunsiyami kong pagibig
At ang takot na masakta'y mawala sa panaginip

Kung dumating ang panahong wala na aking takot
Susubukan kong buhayin ang lumipas na pag-irog
Subalit kung lalaon pang daramdamin itong kirot
Tulungan mong ang siphayo't kalungkutan ay malimot●●●

Forthcoming Activities

Monthly Meetings:

Date	Host
June 17	Rick & Lib Ramos
July 22	Tony & Cresing Aquino
Aug. 19	Fred & Norma Gatpayat
Sept. 9	Pepe & Cynthia Rivera
Oct. 14	Mario & Lita Reodica
Nov. 11	Pipo & Lorie Buencamino
Dec. 9	Ramon & Marina Garcia Caroling in L.A. area
Dec. 10	Fiesta Celebration

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