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From the Editor's Desk...

Just as when releasing each issue of your Newsletter is becoming enjoyable, all of a sudden, it became challenging again with the loss of our only regular contributor, Dioscoro Llamas, Jr., PA Class '59. Deo passed away last April at age 63.

It is reasonable to expect that this issue will be dominated by articles about the upcoming Grand Reunion in Las Vegas.

Do you remember Cezar Ramiro? He is our featured Pagsanjeno.

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A FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you have not sent us your \$20.00 membership fee for 2007, we request that you send your remittance to:

**Pagsanjan Club International, Inc.
c/o Cynthia C. Rivera
6252 Chapman Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92845**

We are counting on you! Pagsanjan is counting on us!

President's Message ...

Warmest greetings on the occasion of our Grand Reunion on September, 2007 in Las Vegas.

Our reunion is an opportune time not only to renew friendship and camaraderie but also to reassess our strengths and witnesses as individuals. It is also a time to share our achievements, goals, and accomplishments such as scholarships, fund raising and other activities.

I am hoping that we will see each other in Las Vegas on September, 2007.

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President
Pagsanjan Club International, Inc. ●

2007 Grand Reunion ...

In just about two months, we will witness what is expected to be the biggest ever gathering of Pagsanjenos away from home. Tentative plans decided upon in San Francisco two years ago have been turned into major strategies. Each strategy has been broken down into specific tasks and each task is now being addressed by your kababayans who are steering Pagsanjan Club International, Inc. into being a worldwide organization of Pagsanjenos.

Much of the preparatory activities left are now dependent on you – the reunion attendees that we would very much want to see.

Below are some friendly reminders of details a reunion participant must do:

- Reserve your hotel rooms as soon as possible. We requested the hotel to block a specific number of rooms. We want to be able to block more rooms but we need to have an indicator that will tell us how many more to block. To make your reservations, please call the Gold Coast Central Room Reservation office at **(888) 402-6278**. Mention group code **PAG0913** or simply say you are attending the Pagsanjan Club International Reunion. Our group rates are: \$60.00 per night from Sunday to Thursday and \$110.00 per night for Friday and Saturday.
- The Reunion Packet that you received does not guarantee your seats in the reunion venues unless you have sent your payments. We have received calls inquiring whether by not returning the tickets, they are assured of reserved seats. **The answer is "NO". Unless the tickets are paid for, the tickets you received do not count.**
- Do not procrastinate! We wish to reiterate that Nevada Fire Regulations and the Hotel Catering Services require us to submit a final count of attendees 72 hours before the event. Once

the final count is submitted, we can no longer sell additional tickets. **If you want to confirm attendance with a commitment to pay at a later date for the tickets you are holding, please let us know.**

The cost per person of this reunion is \$75.00. This will entitle you to attend the Welcome Party on September 14, the Dinner / Dance on September 15 and the Picnic at a park near the hotel on September 16.

If you need additional tickets or if you have any questions, please call **Marina Villarica Garcia** at (714) 775-7160, write her at 11074 Stonecress Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, or email her at Monrina@hotmail.com.

We encourage you to have your family, friends, & business affiliations featured in the 2007 Grand Reunion Souvenir Program. Please send us your sponsorship materials including camera ready pictures and your special messages. It will be widely circulated so you can expect long lost acquaintances to start getting in touch.

We hope you are as excited as we are to be at:

The Gold Coast Hotel & Casino
4000 West Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89103-4088
September 14 to 16, 2007

Marina Villarica Garcia

Chairperson
2007 Grand Reunion Committee ●

Important Update From The Hotel

The original blocked rooms have not been fully reserved. We do not have any indication as to the number of rooms still needed to be blocked. **This means that when the blocked rooms are gone, all other reservations will be strictly on a "First Call First Serve basis".** Spare yourselves the trouble by being counted now! **Do not wait for the Hotel to say "Sorry, PAG0913 has been fully booked. We have to book you at regular rates or worst - try other hotels for available spaces." Grab your phone and call the Hotel now ! ●●**

In One Swing of Time ...

(This is an unedited article written by Dioscoro Z. Llamas, Jr. just before he was confined at the Harbor UCLA Medical Center and diagnosed with a very serious illness that led to his abrupt return to the Philippines)

Just after the regular meeting of the Pagsanjan Club International, Inc. at the residence of Mario & Lita Reodica on October 14, 2006, a guest in the person of Narciso Duyan, a retired Optometrist from Chino, California, graced its fun session and dinner. In his brief sojourn, he discovered and wanted to commend the club for giving him a window of opportunity in meeting the hosts, officers and several members. He stressed the following points about the club:

1. It has a high level of professionalism and camaraderie filled with an atmosphere of cordiality, respect, and friendship that prevail amongst the hosts, officers, and down to the members.
2. There were wholesome, balanced activities present, especially after the meeting proper such as caroling rehearsal, brain teasers and mind boggling assignments of Prof. Ramon, clean and not so clean jokes, exchanges of pleasantries and the usual recalls of many subjects inside and outside the Pagsanjan circle.
3. The objectives, especially in the Scholarship fund drives are both noble and novel, worth the praises of everyone, not to mention that all were enjoying the "parlor games" while the proceeds are channeled for proper utilization.
4. The club's foods were very sumptuous (as they are and will always be retorted by this writer because Pagsanjenos are very choosy about what they eat).

In the first point, we owe a lot of these features to our roots, elders and parents alike, because they have struggled to bring us up in the spirit of a well-meaning people. Dr. Duyan added and I quote: "Many a club or association abound all over the USA but I have not observed in one passing glance or one swing of time, a club as ideal as yours, revealing the maturity and the capabilities of its constituents which make you very successful up to the present time".

Editor's Note: Dioscoro (Deo) passed away last April 13, 2007 after what his daughter, Dr. Lee Llamas Clark, described as a very brave battle against pancreatic

cancer. Please pray for the eternal repose of his soul. Thank you. ●

College Scholars

Juvianne Mogul – Nursing

Rachel Habijan– Electrical Engineering

Rhea Malonzo – Electrical Engineering

High School Scholars

Arlyn Rodriguez – Fourth Year

Rei Cid Romar Ual – Second Year

Arlyn Rodriguez was an honor guard during the commencement exercises at the Pagsanjan Academy while **Rei Cid** garnered almost all of the awards available plus a special recognition for making his school stand out in the field of Mathematics internationally.●

Personality Profile ...



This issue's featured Pagsanjeno is Cezar Ramiro. Cezar is the third of five children of Emmanuel & Aurora Ramiro, both from Pagsanjan. He is married to Nadie Zaguirre also from Pagsanjan. They are blessed with three sons, Rodney, Randy & Rainier

He attended Oak Park High School in Illinois and San Beda College in the Philippines where he obtained his BS in Accounting.

His current affiliations include being the Managing Executive Partner of Orimar, Inc. in the Philippines and Orimar Real Estate & Investments in the U.S. He is also the Administrator of the Chemistry Department of the University of California, Berkeley.

Cezar is very active in civic endeavors and community service. He served as Director of the American-Filipino Association of Hercules. He was a Past President of the Hercules Lions Club and a District 4-C3 Lions Club Zone 8 Chairman. During his tenure as President, he accomplished numerous projects for which he received the Lions District

Governor Medal of Appreciation Award. The Hercules Lions Club was awarded a large Perpetual Trophy by the District 4-C3 Lions Club for registering a 74% increase in membership during Cezar's presidency.

As concurrent presidents of the Lions and Leo Clubs, Cezar and his son, Randy, worked as a team and adopted the Ohlone Park in Hercules. They brought together various community service groups and non profit organizations to maintain a clean and safe park that can be enjoyed by the community. For these, Cezar was recognized with the Citizen of the Year Award by the City of Hercules, the Contra Costa County and the State of California in 2004.

Cezar continues to be active in community service and hopes that his efforts can be mirrored back home so our very own can benefit from the civic minded individuals and organizations. ●

Newly Elected Government Officials ...

Following are the officials elected during the May 14, 2007 elections in Laguna:

- Governor - Still Undecided
- Vice Governor – Ramil Hernandez
- Congressman – Edgar 'Egay' San Luis
- Board Members – Domingo Panganiban
Magdaleno Palacol
- Mayor E. R. Ejercito
- Vice Mayor Cris Vilar
- Councilors Nicasio Trinidad
Arlyn Lazaro Torres
Teryl Gamit Talabong
Kalahi Rabago
Leilani Macalalag
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