



PHILIPPINE CENTER of Ventura County

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LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

The Philippine Center Staff and Board of Directors has a plan for the year 2010 and we are open arms waiting for your personal involvement in support of the Philippine Center.

You can help us build our center by joining hands with us on the first of many fund raising functions of the year at the Oxnard Performing Arts for our Valentine's Day Ball.

This event is to offer our love for our love ones and in return, a support for the something that will be close to all our hearts, our own Philippine Center.

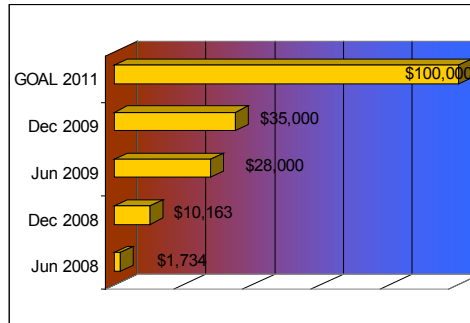
In May 2010, we have the Santa Cruzan celebration. In partnership with Gawad Kalinga-Oxnard, we will celebrate the festival of flowers with our "Sagalas".

In June 2010, we have the Fil-Am Council Fiestas Filipinas' celebrations coupled with our Philippine Independence Day celebration. Remembering our long struggles for independence from Spain.

In September 2010, we have the 2nd Anniversary of PCVC's existence and with the community's full support, we will make tangible progress to the fulfill the dream.

Looking forward in October 2010 when we as Fil-Americans will be celebrating the first historic Fil-American History Month, created by

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**BUILDING FUND AT 35% OF
GOAL AS OF JAN 2010**

"THIS I BELIEVE"
by Dante Honorico

(2nd segment in series, reprint from
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Over the years, I've had the opportunity to head a national organization, the National Organization of Asian American Law Enforcement Commanders based in Washington, District of Columbia, as a result of which I had traveled to many US cities and saw many Asian-American communities across the nation.

In almost every community that I've been to where Asian Americans are represented, the Chinese-Americans, the Japanese-Americans and lately, even the Korean-Americans have their own cultural and/or language instruction facilities; they teach Chinese, Japanese or whatever language the community organizer's spoke.

Still, in many of the same communi

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MEET YOUR PCVC AUDITOR

I am Manuel Fernandez Quiroz and was born in Sampaloc, Manila; and my family returned north to my maternal grandparents family clan compound in Dagupan, where I grew up prior to my immigration to the United States.

I am the 3rd son of late Elma de Guzman Fernandez of Dagupan City, Pangasinan, and Alberto Gaerlan (de) Quiroz of Imus, Cavite.



My mother was a school teacher who taught in Dagupan and American schools in the Middle East; and worked for the County of Alameda until her retirement.

My father is a retired civilian engineer for US Army Corps of Engineers, Mediterranean Division at Leghorn, Italy; and worked briefly for Anderson Construction in San Francisco prior to his second retirement in 1980's.

I have two elder brothers Antonio, and Alberto Jr., living in Houston, Texas; and sister, Aurora, in Vallejo, California; with another younger sister, Elma Jr., in Alameda, California.

I am married to the former Aurora Tan of Caloocan City, Philippines, who works for Saint John's Hospital Clinical Laboratory. We have a daughter, Ethylene, and a son, Von

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To our partners, THANK YOU! Together we will realize the dream



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INTO THE FUTURE...

the signing and approval of HR-780 and S-298 in October 2009.

This is the time and opportunity to showcase in our community the significant contributions as immigrants to these United States of America as our adapted home. We, as one of the many immigrants who came and help build this country of ours as we know it today.

Our older "manongs" and "manangs" and the generations before us who paved the way with their sweat for this day to come and we truly dedicate this momentous day for their sacrifices. We are the direct beneficiary of their actions just as our future generations are with our Philcenter.

It will be followed by the 2nd Fil-American Golf Association Tournament at Port Hueneme. Now is the time to practice and raise your proficiency in improving your game and at the same time the satisfaction of supporting a good cause.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us with each and everyone in the community for a cohesive support for a cause.

We anticipate your support from every willing hands to make all of this a significant chapter in the history of Fil-Americans in the county of Ventura.

As we leave our legacy, we are hoping that those who envisioned the dream can see the doors open to our very own Philippine Center.

PCVC Community Affairs
Computer Training Classes
2nd Monday of the month
call 805-822-2897 for details

"BELIEVE"...

ties with half the size of our Filipino-American population.

In Tampa, Florida, where there's relatively small community of Filipinos, they built a large and impressive cultural center. Now why is that, that a smaller community could do something like that here in Ventura County where we are one of the larger minority groups, we could not build something? We need to build our own community and cultural center because we owe it our children and our grandchildren a place where they can learn about the language and culture of their parents and forebears.

I know, for those of us who already speak our native language-having to learn Tagalog or Pilipino seem to be less important than perfecting English which is precisely the wrong mind set.

It is wrong because we are approaching the issue from our own perspective; not from the perspective of our children most of whom do not have the ability to speak our native language, but who can speak a perfect English. They have the thirst and the desire to know more of our native language, customs and traditions but they have nowhere to turn to. Having a Filipino-centric facility where they can learn more about those things would be one of the most enduring legacies

(to be continued)

PCVC General Assembly Meeting

15th of February, 2010 @ 630 pm at
3510 Saviers Road in Oxnard. (behind
Baskin & Robbins Ice Cream) Anyone
interested is welcome.

PCVC Auditor...

Josef, with granddaughters, Jazmine Marie and Alexandria Therese; and grandsons, Robert Aaron and Rafe Christopher.

I am currently working for NAVAIR WEST Point Mugu with the Airborne Instrumentation Systems Division.

I am a member of the editorial staff of the PCVC Newsletter, to apprise all supporters and the community as to the progress of this project.

NEWS FLASH, NEWS FLASH!!!

October 2010 is the 1st Filipino History Month in the U. S.

US Senate S-298 and US House of Representatives HR-780 resolutions was passed in October 2009 by 111th Congress

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010

20 February 2010
PCVC Valentines' Day Dance

May 2010
PCVC Santa Cruzan

June 2010
FIL-AM Council Fiestas Filipinas

September 2010
PCVC 2nd Anniversary

October 2010
1st FIL-AM History Month (HR 780)
2nd FAGA Golf Tournament
@ Port Hueneme

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