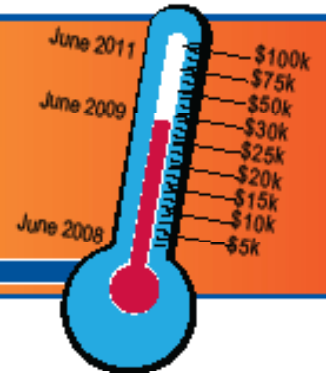




# PHILIPPINE CENTER of Ventura County

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## PHILIPPINE CENTER.... a year later

Last year, a group of Fil-Ams gathered at College Estate Park in Oxnard to initially launch the Philippine Center Project. From the shoulders of the few, they bear the burden of getting things started and meet the challenge of the future. From its humble beginning on that memorable afternoon, it is akin to a phoenix that rising from the ashes.

Many years ago, another group of community leaders started with the same vision that never materialized. A second attempt was made in 1999 also met with no success. The project was shelved and for those who dream about the future, those noble pioneer heroes never let the failure stand in the way.

Years passed and in another time, the dream lives on in the minds and the hearts of those who shared the vision and the dream joined by more aggressive and dynamic young community leaders. The infusion of new blood amongst the group rekindled the burning desires of everyone and we are here once again trying to make the dream come true.

Today, the Philippine Center Development Committee has achieved something further and more grandeur than before. From the beginning of a handful "thousand dollar" donors, the building fund multiplied and reached an amount of \$28,000 and exponentially growing towards the goal and the elusive dream.

The phenomenal growth is attributed to the energetic participation of several leaders of organization under the Fil-Am Council that helped in the fund raising.

Are you a  
Mr & Miss  
PHILIPPINE CENTER  
VENTURA COUNTY 2009?

Contact any  
Philippine Center staff for additional  
information.

## PCVC ..... a year later

We challenge our "kababayans" and other organizations to join hands with us to make the dream come true. Let each and every one of you, every household, every group of all kinds from all regions of motherland, to join us together make the dream come true; our very own, Philippine Center. A place where we can call our own, to gather and be proud of what could we accomplish together in the spirit of "bayanihan", a trait that has never left us all. Philippine Center will be the future home of our heritage for our children and grandchildren to learn more about their ancestry and enjoy our colorful life history.

## Proposed Schedule of PCVC sponsored Events for 2009

Poker/Casino Nights  
09 August @ 5 to 10 pm

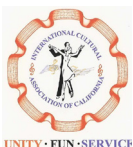
Computer Literacy Classes for all ages  
2nd Monday of the month  
Bring your own personal computer

Kite Making Classes  
4th Monday of the month

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

## MEET YOUR PCVC Vice President

Winston Lopez Raquedan was born in Balaoan, La Union; on February 10, 1952 and graduated at Mapua Institute of Technology with BS Civil Engineering degree and Registered CE No. 15344 dated June 23, 1975. He worked with CDCP as Senior Engineer for South Luzon Expressway until completion in 1978; and continued on to construct the Tuen Mun Highways and Bridges for the Hong Kong Government in Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong, as Bridge Superintendent until completion in 1983. He returned to Makati City, as Project Superintendent for the MWSS Project, the Desalination Plant of Philippine Phosphate in Merida, Leyte; and Interco Pier at Mati, Davao, Philippines. He immigrated to the US on November 1984 and joined Valcon and DMJM as designer/draftsman for Oxnard Financial Plaza and Magic Mountain. He served as Project Engineer for Haaland Group designing land development projects like Lake Sherwood and Dos Vientos. A charter member and the current President of La Union Association, President and founder of Fil-Am Chess Club of Oxnard in 1993, Chairman of the Board for Fil-Am Family in 1990 and Purified Association in 2001. Also a Sir Knight of Knights of Columbus Council 12805, Assistant Auditor for ICAC and now the Vice President of the "dream project" for all of us, the Philippine Center.



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**FIESTAS FILIPINAS 2009 "FLAVORS OF THE PHILIPPINES"**

It was a beautiful 2-day weekend at Oxnard Plaza Park on June 20-21, 2009 as the Filipino American Council of Ventura County celebrated Fiestas Filipinas!

The bright and bold colors of the Philippine flag was draped from the stage and embraced the crowd under its shade. Saturday, June 20th kicked off with the amazing voices from the Zambales Youth Choir conducted by Ms. Fe Cayabyab in which children ages 5-14 sang both Philippine and US National anthems dressed in Filipiniana attire. The stage line up was packed with various entertainers including Salin Lahi, Living Room Rockstars, Ke'Aloha and Company Henry Garcia's Tae Kali Do Studio, Angie's Angels, the Fil-Am Seniors, Mt. San Antonio College Eskrima, vocalists Marie Galleguis and headliner Ms. Freda Simone. Highlighting the day was the modified car exhibition displayed by High End Performance. Several booth spaces filled up the park perimeters selling everything from cookware, jewelry, pet accessories, Filipino apparel, live caricatures, information on education, navy recruitment, breast examinations, subluxation, youth programs and activities, Filipino literature and psychic reading.

The air was filled with an appetizing aroma from the Visayan, La Union Association, Zambales, Big Straw and Laotian booths who served a variety of delicacies from hamonados, fish balls banana cues, chop suey, halo-halo, sticky rice, papaya salad, and boba which truly exemplified this years theme, "Flavors of the Philippines".

On the morning of Sunday, June 21st a loud rumbling sound came from around the corner of Oxnard Blvd. and 5th Street as the Pinoy Harley Riders came storming through, displaying their bikes like trophies on mantel. Another delicious smell filled the air as Hector Furagganan chaired the 3rd Annual Adobo Cookoff. With 6 contestants and only 2 hours to prepare and cook, Team Saladmaster won the adobo match!

The stage was filled with more entertainment on the 2nd day including Filipino game demonstrations of the Patintero, Tumbang Preso and Sipa done by LUAVC and ICAC. Youth modern dance group Undeclared and Emanon grooved to the beat and the ICAC Line Dancers involved the crowd and demonstrated a few new line dance steps. Headliner, POCA graced the stage with

her presence and entertained the audience with her stage appeal and smashing performance.

Other vocalists included Ms. Justine Reyes and Yul Vianzon, Jr. The annual Santa Cruzan Parade chaired by, Dr. Joy Nicholas took place as the Fiestas Filipinas Royal Court - Queen Lauren Armedilla and Princesses – Ms. Jayra Farala, Ms. Kalani Grey and Ms. Danica Grey marched around Plaza Park followed by the Santa Cruzan 2009 Reynas – Tessie Fontillas, Tita David, Violy Rouch, Tessie Godin and Tessie Cole; who paraded under their beautifully decorated arches. The parade ended with the traditional Pabitin which invited several children ages 3 and up to participate. With only a culmination of 8 months to plan the event, the Fiestas Filipinas Committee presented yet another successful celebration which invited a diverse crowd to come together and celebrate the 111th Philippine Independence. Special thanks to the hardworking committee, organizations, vendors, entertainers, the City of Oxnard and the wonderful guests who came and supported this spectacular event and experience the Flavors of the Philippines!!!

**BRICK PROGRAM**

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